

COOPERATION IN CENTRAL ASIA AS A PRIORITY DIRECTION OF FOREIGN POLICY OF UZBEKISTAN

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ANNOTATION

The article provides a socio-philosophical analysis of the economic, socio-political, spiritual and ideological relations of Uzbekistan with all the states of Central Asia. The conditions and factors influencing the formation of the circumstances of security, stability and good-neighborliness in Central Asia are outlined. A socio-philosophical analysis of the integration processes in Central Asia is given as a single interdependent, mutually influencing and mutually developing process.

Keywords: Central Asia, integration processes, economic, socio-political, spiritual and ideological ties, security, stability, good-neighborly relations, conditions and factors influencing this.

INTRODUCTION

The issue of strengthening interregional cooperation of Uzbekistan with Central Asian countries is an important issue in foreign policy today. At present Uzbekistan pays great attention to the development of mutually beneficial relations with Central Asian countries.

The most important priorities in the foreign policy of Uzbekistan are strengthening the independence and sovereignty of the state, increasing the country's role as an equal subject of international relations, joining the ranks of developed democracies, creating an environment of security, stability and good neighborliness around Uzbekistan. At the same time, strengthening the international prestige of the Republic of Uzbekistan, providing objective information to the world community about the ongoing reforms in the country, improving the regulatory framework of foreign policy and foreign economic activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the legal framework of international cooperation, delimitation and demarcation of state borders such issues are also relevant today.

In the domestic and foreign policy of Uzbekistan, great attention is paid today to building a stable, just and democratic state, promoting the country's external transparency and developing regional and multilateral cooperation.

At present, a number of relevant policy documents have been developed and adopted to further develop Uzbekistan's multifaceted cooperation with Central Asian countries, and "road maps" have been approved. During the high-level visits of President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Central Asian leaders, attention is being paid to pursuing an active, open, pragmatic and well-thought-out foreign policy that meets the national interests of the two countries.

We firmly believe that the readiness and earnest pursuit of practical cooperation, as well as a sense of responsibility for the common future of all Central Asian countries, is a solid foundation and guarantee of sustainable development and prosperity of the region, - said President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. advocates further strengthening trust. It is on the basis of the principles of good neighborliness and mutually beneficial cooperation that our countries can more effectively realize their potential in trade, economic, transport and communications, cultural and humanitarian spheres, security and stability [1].

Uzbekistan's foreign policy initiatives are creating new opportunities for the whole of Central Asia. Uzbekistan is putting forward an agenda for other Central Asian states to work together to solve existing problems. Today, Uzbekistan operates as a state that stabilizes the economic, socio-political, spiritual, cultural and ideological processes in Central Asia.

At present, a new system of interstate relations is being formed in Central Asia, in which Uzbekistan is highly active in various areas. As a result, there are signs of significant improvement in relations between the countries of the region. Uzbekistan has significantly expanded bilateral relations with Afghanistan and actively participated in multilateral efforts to resolve the Afghan problem. Uzbekistan is actively involved in the implementation of major projects in the construction of the Surkhan-Puli-Khumri power transmission line and the Mazar-e-Sharif-Herat railway. An Education Center for Afghan Citizens has been opened in Termez, and now Afghan students have graduated from the Center, some of whom work in the Afghan parliament, ministries and agencies, teach in the country's universities, and run independent businesses.

The volume of trade between Uzbekistan and Central Asian countries has doubled in recent years, and the number of joint ventures has quadrupled. Ensuring radiation safety in Central Asia “Барқарор ривожланиш учун сув” ҳаракатлари, Энергетик хартиянинг Ашхобод декларацияси каби халқаро ҳужжатларни имзоладилар.

I would like to emphasize that our rapprochement and expansion of cooperation in the region is a time-consuming and irreversible process, - said President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. In this regard, by strengthening unity and cohesion, we are contributing to the formation of a region that is consistently and steadily developing, and therefore a promising and reliable international partner [2; 265].

An important priority of Uzbekistan in the field of foreign policy is the formation of a balanced system of strategic partnerships and cooperation with leading countries and international organizations. consists of.

Uzbekistan is an important state in Central Asia and plays a special role. The importance of the country in the region is also recognized by foreign experts and representatives of political circles. Uzbekistan has signed strategic partnership agreements with all neighboring countries in the region, which will allow it to develop a high-level regional policy. The work carried out for these purposes is also important in strengthening the country's place and role in the system of international relations. Uzbekistan's initiatives take into account the interests of all Central Asian countries and are based on the principle of consensus. The new political reality in the region, formed due to the active, proactive and constructive diplomacy of Tashkent, has a positive impact on strengthening cooperation between the countries of Central Asia on a wide

range of issues. In Tashkent in November 2019, an agreement was reached to discuss the solution of issues arising between the Central Asian states. The holding of consultative meetings of Central Asian leaders does not imply the establishment of a new international organization in the region or any integration structure that has its own charter and is superior to government agencies. This activity involves only mutual agreement on important issues of regional development.

The intensification of Uzbekistan's direction in the region was a timely and practical response to the demand for regional rapprochement, the restoration of trust and mutual understanding, as well as the operative solution of outstanding issues on the basis of rational compromise. The open and trusting dialogue established at the highest level has laid a solid foundation for strengthening all areas of cooperation.

At the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, high-level and high-level political dialogue has been significantly intensified, and inter-parliamentary, inter-institutional and inter-regional ties have been strengthened. In turn, during the period, all heads of state of the region visited Uzbekistan. According to the analysis, the results of these meetings yielded unprecedented results in terms of their effectiveness. Uzbekistan has reached an agreement with all Central Asian states to jointly combat the activities of extremist and terrorist organizations. From July to September 2018, Uzbekistan will hold joint anti-terrorist exercises with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Uzbekistan has signed comprehensive action plans with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan for 2019-2020. Uzbekistan's work on delimitation and demarcation of state borders with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan has been significantly advanced. All this has created an opportunity not only to resolve bilateral disputes between the Central Asian states, but also to remove sharp conflicts from the agenda of the entire region and increase the level of political confidence [5; 271].

Along with the intensification of political cooperation between Uzbekistan and Central Asian countries, mutually beneficial relations and ties in trade, economic, transport and communications, energy and cultural and humanitarian spheres have also strengthened.

The improvement of trade and economic relations between the countries of Central Asia has helped to increase the investment attractiveness of the region. contracts and agreements were signed in the amount of USD.

Progress is being made among Central Asian states in addressing environmental issues, including water and energy. Uzbekistan is ready to consider the possibility of its participation in the construction of Kambarata and Rogun HPPs. Implementation of an important section of the Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan-Iran-Oman transport corridor has been launched, and the Turkmenabad-Forob railway and road bridges have been opened across the Amudarya. Their launch has made it possible to implement the idea of creating an intermediate transport and communication highway on the route "Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan-Caspian-South Caucasus" with access to Baku-Tbilisi-Kars and Black Sea ports of Georgia, Turkey, Romania and other countries.

Following the talks between the Central Asian states, significant progress has been made in the construction of a railway connecting China and Central Asia through Kyrgyzstan.

According to preliminary estimates, the project will reduce delivery times by 7-8 days, and the distance from East Asia to the Middle East and Southern Europe will be reduced by 900 km. At present, special attention is paid to strengthening and expanding close cooperation between the Central Asian states in the cultural and humanitarian spheres, as well as friendly and close neighborly relations.

I believe that the creation of a platform for cultural and humanitarian exchange under the motto "Central Asia - a common past, a common future" is in the interests of all our peoples, - said President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. It is proposed to establish the Central Asian Prize for, as well as to organize university forums and regional sports games [5; 272].

Ensuring peace and stability in Central Asia is not only in the interests of the countries of the region, but also contributes to the sustainable development of the entire Eurasian continent in terms of its impact on security in neighboring regions.

The Address of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Senate and the Legislative Chamber of the Republic of Uzbekistan once again outlined the priorities of Uzbekistan's development in the near future, which includes radical reforms in the political, economic and social spheres. Renewed Uzbekistan has demonstrated to the Central Asian states its readiness for mutually beneficial cooperation, pursuing an open, pragmatic and well-thought-out foreign policy that meets national interests. One of the most important issues in Uzbekistan's foreign policy today is to bring the relations with the countries of the Central Asian region to a new level in terms of content and quality in the spirit of mutual friendship, good neighborliness and strategic partnership in all areas.

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