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Main Principles of Strategy for New Uzbekistan

Reforms of the last five years have indeed marked a new development stage of state and society in the country. The "New Uzbekistan" concept has become a reality. Following significant changes in the country, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev ran his recent victorious election campaign based on a political platform for the coming five years titled "Strategy for the New Uzbekistan".

"Over the past five years, we have gained so much experience. Our people believed in us. Now people expect us to implement new plans and programs", said Shavkat Mirziyoyev. To live up to this trust and

aspirations of our people, realize their noble hopes, a Strategy of New Uzbekistan has been developed. It includes the following areas:

- maintaining peace and stability in the country;
- strengthening the atmosphere of friendship and harmony between citizens and ethnicities;

Further development of the spiritual world of the people;

- protection of the rights and freedoms, legal interests of every resident of Uzbekistan, regardless of his ethnicity, language and religion, providing them with a guaranteed source of income, medical services and housing, quality education;
- poverty reduction and social protection of the population in need;
- enhancing the authority and image of the country in the international arena.

In particular, the President pays keen attention to the protection of human rights. Countering human rights abuses, including torture, developing juvenile justice, tackling human trafficking, corruption and serious organized crime, promoting gender equality and other essential issues. In terms of ensuring the rule of law and respect for human rights in the country. In acting so, the President follows the wise words of great Amir Temur – a national hero of Uzbek people, who famously said that "Strength is in justice".

These efforts mark a new impetus in implementing a fundamental principle of Uzbekistan's Constitution, which in its article 7 declares that "People are the only source of power". It is no coincidence that one of

the main principles of his vision for the country's future – "Strategy for New Uzbekistan" is "State for a human".

This principle has a special meaning for the success of the overall reforms. Regarding specific measures in the implementation of the "State for a human" principle, we could probably point out that Uzbekistan intends to take further practical steps in ensuring the independence of the judiciary; protecting political, cultural, economic rights of citizens; fighting against all forms of abuse against women, empowering their participation in state and society affairs; strengthening the responsibility of authorities in complying with the country's international obligations.

In particular, as a novelty for the country, President announces his plans for strengthening the role of the Constitutional Court and implementing the institution of complaints by citizens about abuses against constitutional rights. Uzbekistan also intends to adopt a specific law on national preventive mechanisms against torture. The President has also initiated adopting a new edition of the Civil Code and developing juvenile justice. The government plans to pay special attention to raising public awareness of human rights and proposes implementing special courses dedicated to child rights, women's role in society, and developing a free-of-charge legal consultation system. Thereby Uzbekistan reaffirms its commitment to international obligations in the sphere of human rights.

Implementation of these measures will contribute to the success of reforms. Respect for human rights and citizens' constitutional freedoms

will further cement the positive image of Uzbekistan abroad. It will also help disclose the productive potential of our people in building a comprehensive civil society, prosperous economy, and political pluralism.