



MECHANISMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UZBEKISTAN - KAZAKHSTAN COOPERATION

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Abstract

This article covers the prospects of the countries of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in the framework of cooperation relations in recent years and how important they are in inter-state relations.

Keyword: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Central Asia, Advisory Council of the heads of states of Central Asia.

Introduction:

In the 21st century, the system of international relations is becoming more complex and complicated. Each country is trying to ensure its national security and protect its interests based on its national interests. While some countries are successfully fulfilling this task, others are not able to fulfill it, causing crises in the country, and the process affects the neighboring countries to one degree or another. It is the demand of the time for the neighboring countries to develop mutually beneficial cooperation and to harmonize their views on international relations for sustainable development. It can be seen how the development of Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan interstate relations depends on the socio-political processes taking place in the Central Asian region today and the factors affecting them. Because these two countries are having an important influence on the active political and economic development of the Central Asian region.

Currently, the Republic of Uzbekistan has formed as a full-fledged member of the world community. The past 30 years may be a short period for history, but in this period, our state has established the foundation of its foreign policy and, based on its principles in interstate relations, has established foreign policy directions that serve





to strengthen its prestige in the world community, establish political, diplomatic, economic, scientific and technical and cultural relations with foreign countries. It should be noted that an important feature that is the basis for state foreign policy is the national interest of our state.

After the adoption of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "on the concept of foreign political activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan", adopted on September 10, 2012, we can see how the legal basis of the foreign policy of our country is strengthened. It was in this concept that the main goal of the foreign policy of our country was clearly highlighted, that is, the main priorities of the foreign policy of our country were determined. The new foreign policy concept also outlined the foreign policy directions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The following can be said about the priorities in the foreign policy of Uzbekistan:

First, The Republic of Uzbekistan has been carrying out its foreign policy activities for more than thirty years, based on the principles of international law.

Secondly, participation in the system of multilateral cooperation is one of the priorities in the foreign policy of Uzbekistan. In this regard, it is significant that Uzbekistan is participating in the framework of the UN, SCO, CIS and similar international political institutions.

Thirdly, the main part of Uzbekistan's foreign policy is based on the principle of a "new strategy". On the basis of this principle, Uzbekistan carries out its relations with many countries of the world in a bilateral form. Such connections are characterized by their effectiveness.

Since the day of its declaration of independence, Uzbekistan has been implementing a consistent policy aimed at establishing effective cooperation with border states and developing mutual integration processes. At the same time, it should be noted that Uzbekistan's initiatives in this regard are not simple propaganda, but an expression of the Will and aspirations of the country's leadership with a deep understanding of the requirements of the present. These efforts will serve to create a unified security system in Central Asia and Afghanistan, further expanding integration processes. The Republic of Uzbekistan conducts its foreign policy based on its interests and, in doing so, adheres to the following principles:

1. Ensuring security and stability in Central Asia;
2. Peaceful resolution of the Afghan problem ;
3. Integration of Uzbekistan into the world community;

Today, the Republic of Uzbekistan, paying attention to integrative processes in its foreign policy, of course, always acts not far from its foreign policy principles. Uzbekistan is also obliged to conduct an extremely flexible policy in Central





Asia, which is today considered one of the problem areas of the world and is recognized as the Heartland Center. From this point of view, the golden principle of our foreign policy applies not to move away with another at the expense of rapprochement with one state. Naturally the question arises. Why?

First of all: this is due to the fact that Uzbekistan cannot conduct a policy based on superiority with any of its neighboring countries, since it borders on all five of them.

Second: one cannot approach even with any powerful state of the world, the reason may be that they become a subordinate state and become an eyebrow-looking State of the "great Ogas".

Third: cannot join military associations and alliances either, which can cause him an economic blow, as well as a violation of his relations with other states.

Fourth: Uzbekistan does not have access to the outside world directly by sea and other ways, that is, it is forced to do this through cooperation.

Thus, Uzbekistan is forced to follow universal rules and norms in its foreign policy. Our state, creating its own foreign political principles and norms, of course, came from its nature and geographical location. This means that external principles, of course, must not contradict exactly these two vital factors. The period may pass, the Times, conditions may change. But the main tamoiyl of foreign policy will remain unchanged. This is because the factors that make up the nature and geography of the state do not change.

Uzbekistan's foreign policy does not have the opportunity to be based on the principles of power, in which sense, this factor can cause more harm than benefit its national interests. What is the reason? Several examples of this can be cited: Nagorno-Karabakh (between Azerbaijan and Armenia), Israel-Palestine, which trembled the Middle East, tried to use force in foreign policy in relation to its neighboring states, what the result is known to all of us. Although the power factor in foreign policy has always played the main role, it also has its own types: military, ideological, cultural, etc.

The set of factors indicated determines not only the position of Uzbekistan in the region, but also its special responsibility for the situation in Central Asia.

According to the demographic, geopolitical and geoeconomic factors mentioned above, this country is more interested in the sustainable development of each state in the region and Central Asia as a whole. Regional cooperation efforts have led to the success of Uzbekistan's first development. Currently, Uzbekistan is literally at a crossroads, and Central Asia, which is engaged in the integration of precipitation, can be influenced on this bridge.





There are the following mechanisms for the development of interstate relations between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan:

Advisory Council of heads of states of Central Asia;

Interstate Council (in connection with the signing of the Treaty on alliances).

Meetings of the committee on economic and technical cooperation of the huqumats under the leadership of the Prime Ministers of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan;

Uzbekistan and the Rogun Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation. This commission is the head of the Economic Department of the sector for combating Terrorism and Extremism.;

Mechanism of cooperation on direct cooperation between entrepreneurs of the countries of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. This type of cooperation is carried out by organizing business forums, industrial exhibitions.

In order to develop cross-border trade of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, the International Center for trade and economic cooperation of Central Asia (SIHM) was launched in April 2021 and it has become a major industrial, trade and logistics platform for the implementation of joint investment projects. The center is located on an area of 400 hectares with a capacity of 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions. In order to achieve maximum economic effect, the Kazakh side proposed to ensure the interconnection of Alatau and Khorgos international trade centers on the territory of the Republic, as well as the Termez international terminal on the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan border and similar border centers planned on Uzbekistan's borders with Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan. A one-to-one review of the above mechanisms for the development of cooperation will show their importance in the development of bilateral relations.

Speaking about the specific mechanisms for the further development of cooperation between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, it is necessary, first of all, to highlight the **Advisory Council of the heads of states of Central Asia**. Because this cooperation platform, which was established in 2018, has not only brought Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan relations to a new level, but also serves to solve existing problems with other countries of the region and bring interaction to New edges.

The importance of climate change issues at the consultative meeting was singled out by the heads of all states. The event brought special attention to renewable energy sources. The heads of state emphasized that the huge potential and development of regional cooperation depends on diversifying the economy and energy sector.

On December 21-22, 2022, it was agreed to form an interstate council at the level of heads of state as part of the state visit of the president of the Republic of Kazakhstan Qasim-Jomart Toqaev to Uzbekistan. The main goal is to implement the tasks set out





in the alliance agreement between the two countries and to bring relations to new heights. The mechanism of intergovernmental economic and technical consultation under the leadership of the Prime Ministers of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan also occupies a special place in the beglilization of prospects for the development of economic and technical cooperation between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

In the development of trade and economic relations between the two countries, the Intergovernmental Commission on the development of trade and economic relations is important. This commission conducts mutual consultations every quarter of the year and ensures the development of direct cooperation between business representatives of the two countries.

On the initiative of the Uzbek side, many meetings were held with the participation of business circles of the countries of the region and representatives of leading enterprises. This made it possible to significantly activate economic ties and increase the volume of mutual trade. Uzbekistan's turnover with the countries of the region increased by an average of 20-30%. The mechanism of development of direct cooperation between business circles of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan (B2B) is established, as a clear example of this can be cited the organization of industrial exhibitions. Today, Central Asia is within the direct interests of world-class and regional leading countries. First of all, they all set themselves the task of ensuring their geopolitical participation in the region and promoting their political, economic, military-strategic interests here. High-level cooperation between the two state ministries of Defense has been established between the countries of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to ensure security in the region, implement joint programs in the Prevention of various external risks, and develop cooperation in other areas of security.

In order to prevent the spread of external and internal risks that threaten peace, stability and security in the region, to prevent them, it is of paramount importance to coordinate and unite the efforts, potential and capabilities of the countries of Central Asia, to strengthen mutual harmony.

In the complex geopolitical conditions that are taking place in our region and around the world, we have a number of tasks responsible and large-scale from one to another, such as ensuring the safety and stability of our country, maintaining a peaceful life that Reigns on this holy land, depending on how successfully we solve these issues today and tomorrow.

The issue of security is one of the first issues facing every state, every territory and region, the nations and peoples living in a whole globe. Security is a whole concept, we consider it not so appropriate to divide it into regions, regions. Because, the





instability, problem situations and wars that have occurred in one region today, may occur, arise or have its own negative impact on you or another region tomorrow. In particular, this situation does not allow unrest in one region in the process of globalization without its own influence, both political and economic, in another region. Conflict situations, war situations and conflicts in the region in most cases are becoming a constant source of dangerous threats, such as terrorism, violence, drug trafficking, mistreatment of non-criminal weapons and mass human rights abuses.

This period is characterized by fundamental problems and a qualitatively new world order, which is facing the threat of international terrorism, which poses the greatest threat to international security, the first goal, peace and stability on our planet.

The problem of international security and stability remains one of the most fundamental challenges facing the world community at the dawn of the new century. The only difference is that now, instead of complications, attacks of the "Cold War", international terrorism and extremism, aggressive nationalism and separatism are on the world stage as a threat to peace and stability.

Today, life itself proves once again that the issue of security is an equally indivisible concept for all of us. If today there is danger over any neighboring state, then tomorrow it will definitely come to our heads, to our house too. No one can stay out of this danger, hide and escape. The problems of ensuring security in each region have a certain essence. Also, each region has its own peculiarities, its own sources of threats and security maintenance factors.

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