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## Activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the OSCE

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**ABSTRACT:** Relations, cooperation, mutual exchange, historical and cultural dialogue, mutual agreements and treaties between Uzbekistan and the Organizations for Security and Cooperation in Europe were covered and analyzed on the basis of sources. On the basis of mutual cooperation, achievements have been made in the social, political and cultural, scientific and educational spheres. Further long-term plans have been identified.

**KEYWORDS:** Diplomatic relations, international cooperation, summit, peace, international terrorism, politics, Central Asia, forum, bureau, science and education, science and technology, health, tourism, culture.

### INTRODUCTION

In our foreign policy since independence, special attention has been paid to the rich experience and opportunities of the OSCE. The OSCE is one of the first international organizations to work together on security also raised to the level of strategic policy.

Uzbekistan fully supports security integrity, which is one of the main principles of the OSCE. The First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I. Karimov took part in the OSCE summits in Helsinki(1992), Budapest(1994), Lisbon(1996), Istanbul(1999), and put forward proposals and initiatives in his speeches. These include maintaining peace and stability in Central Asia, resolving conflicts, expanding the OSCE's involvement in the fight against drug trafficking and arms smuggling, and establishing an international counter-terrorism center[1].

The similarity of the views of our country and the OSCE on important issues of international politics testifies to the important role of the European factor in the foreign policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The opening of the OSCE Office for Central Asia in Tashkent in October 1995 was an important step in the development of relations and cooperation between the OSCE and the republics of the region[2]. This event is continuation of the cooperation between the OSCE and Uzbekistan, which began in 1992. The Bureau worked to implement the 1992 OSCE

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Special Initiative for Central Asia. The tasks of the Bureau are to provide OSCE institutions with information on the region, to maintain contacts with local universities, research institutes and non-governmental organizations, to promote the observance of OSCE principles, to organize OSCE regional seminars and assisting in the implementation of the visits of delegations [3]. The Bureau operated in Tashkent in 1995-1999[4].

### THE MAIN FINDINGS AND RESULTS

The next stage of cooperation between Uzbekistan and the OSCE began in 1999, when the OSCE Office for Central Asia in Tashkent was renamed the OSCE Center in Tashkent in connection with the opening of special offices of the organization in Central Asia[5]. This period of cooperation is explained by the strengthening of bilateral relations, as well as the multifaceted nature of bilateral cooperation.

The third phase of bilateral relations began in 2006 and continues to this day. In particular, in 2006, at the initiative of Uzbekistan, the Permanent Council of the Organizations organized a meeting of the OSCE Center in Tashkent to discuss the implementation of OSCE projects in Uzbekistan it was decided to establish a coordinating office(LM)[6]. The developed form of cooperation has allowed the OSCE to focus on the implementation of priority projects for the Uzbek side, while “avoiding some contentious political issues on various aspects of the human factor”[7].

Thus, as result of mutual cooperation, the OSCE LM provided a total of \$ 12 million between 2007 and 2017. 150 projects worth more than E 1 billion have been implemented. In 2017, 15 projects with a total budget of E 1,499,500 were approved for implementation. OSCE projects implemented in Uzbekistan are aimed at providing technical assistance to the development of institutional capacity of the country’s institutions in the field of security, sustainable economic, environmental and social development[8].

Today, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe is an international regional organization. It is a pan-European security organization with 55 member countries geographically located from Vancouver to Vladivostok[9].

Issues of interethnic relations also play an important role in relations between Uzbekistan and the OSCE. Reception of the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, at the Oqsaroy March 29, 2011 and consultations with him also contributed to the development of cooperation between the two.

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To find a solution to the Aral Sea problem, the leadership of Uzbekistan is taking practical measures in close cooperation with international organizations, in particular the OSCE. The Agency of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea is directly involved in this process. In particular, in 2010 the Agency of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea implemented a joint project with the OSCE entitled “Advisory Group for a series of seminars and trainings on the rational use of water resources”. On the basis of close cooperation, an agreement on consulting services was signed on September 14, 2010 between the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan and the OSCE Office in Tashkent[10].

It should be noted that the approach of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the elimination of water problems in the region has led to the appointment with the election of Sh.Mirziyoev, he gained a reasonable direction. In particular, this is provided that Uzbekistan adheres to generally accepted international norms and standards in the construction of Rogun HPP expressed readiness to consider in detail the possibility of participation in the construction of the facility[11].

The OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan, in cooperation with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems(IFES), organized a training course on election observation for persons with disabilities on 9 and 10 June 2021[12].

On October 10, 2019, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a delegation of 20 ambassadors permanent representatives of the OSCE participating States in Vienna Visited Tashkent.

## CONCLUSION

In short, Uzbekistan has been cooperation with the OSCE since the early years of independence. Many events are organized within the organization. Uzbekistan is cooperating with the OSCE in various fields. To date, Uzbekistan has concluded and is implementing a number of agreements with the OSCE in various fields.

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