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## **Salient Features of the Amended Constitutional Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan**



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Undoubtedly, the world is recognizing and appreciating the new active policies implemented by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The country's leadership has diligently worked on the all-priority framework, which is strengthening the key features of progression, especially focusing on the citizen's rights and protection. Thereby, the grand vision of the President will transform the country into a giant



success hub. It is noteworthy that the amendments in the constitutional law are not only evolving Uzbekistan but it adheres to bringing peace to the entire region to enhance collaborations with other states. In June 2022, the salient opinions were presented to revise the Constitutional law of Uzbekistan. It can be anticipated that the changes will bring a huge transformation towards success and socioeconomic expansion. Uzbekistan is predominantly working on development in every segment. Thus, '*Man, Society, and State*' is the vital principle of the recent legislative and constitutional reforms.

For this purpose, the constitutional commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan carried out almost 200 significant amendments and additions in 64 articles on June 26, 2022. Six new articles and 16 revised norms are being





suggested. It is important to highlight that President Mirziyoyev is the main ideological inspirer for constitutional reforms in Uzbekistan. His dynamic policies are evident in the large-scale and rapid democratic transformations in Uzbekistan. In addition, the secular democracy aimed to protect human dignity and values on the basic international standards of human rights.

## **I. National Legislations**

According to the newly amended articles, national legislation is one of the main areas. Equal human rights without any discriminations are the fundamental objectives where directly observations of the citizen's interests are taken into account. Also, in this draft, the basic international standards are highlighted to ensure freedom, welfare, and national progress. It is pertinent to note that these revisions are not merely on national norms but based on advanced foreign experience. More than 100 countries' constitutions were considered to reshape the basic constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Moreover, the strategy is not limited to protection on a personal level the state aimed to protect the social, cultural, environmental, political, and economic rights of citizens connected to various strata of society. Uzbekistan's leadership envisages the highest goals of society by implementing the modern laws. The new strategies and policies of the Uzbek leadership will maintain the optimal balance between the government and its people.

## **II. Labor, Social and Environmental Rights of Citizens**

The committee has paid special attention to strengthening the constitutional guarantee of labor, and the social/environmental rights of a citizen. President Mirziyoyev is following



the highest principle to safeguard social and civil rights. Thereby, the constitution proposed an inclusive strategy for the vulnerable and disable segment of people. It is mentioned that any segregation, disregard, or refusal towards them is outlawed. Furthermore, the state prioritized the benefits of the social services system and designed a concrete policy for pensions, allowances, and provisions of all other assistance to civilians. In a democratic and diverse society, the government ensured the basic rights of child labor and women employees. Which depicts the grand vision of the government as providing excellent public administration for its people.

### **III. Improving the Institution of Family:**

Improving the core component of the society is also discussed in the draft constitutional law. Here, it is of deep concern that a state like Uzbekistan has proved to be a truly democratic and transparent state which is extensively working for the glory of its people. This addition was taken into consideration to strengthen the family structure. Mutual consent of both men and women is mandatory for marriage. Proceeding to that children's laws are being catered for and parents have obligations to provide necessary care until they reach adulthood.

### **IV. Access to Effective Health Mechanisms for the Citizens:**

Since the start, underdeveloped countries encountered detrimental health care. Uzbekistan is taking effective measures to assist the people by providing maximum health care facilities and recent amendments have guaranteed medical care on private and public levels. Therefore, the government creates the conditions for the development of various



forms of health insurance. Sustainable development and a friendly ecological system that is important for human health is also a point of consideration in the constitution.

#### **V. Optimal Support in the Education Sector:**

Uzbekistan has built a strong educational structure and is optimistic to enhance its excellence. In the current constitution, President Mirziyoyev has suggested that the new constitutional norms must endorse support in all stages starting from preschool to general secondary education. Mainly, paid attention to the students with special assistance. Also, establishing an inclusive education and upbringing in the institutions. The President also highlighted strengthening the status of pedagogical staff for the optimum function of the students and institutions.

#### **VI. Safeguarding the Rights and Freedom of Citizens:**

Important changes and additions in the constitution have deliberately focused on basic human rights and freedom includes: no death penalty in the country and all the decisions regarding suspects will be permissible by court proceedings. Moreover, the constitutions say that at the time of detention the suspect must be guided with all his rights. By analyzing the current amendments, Uzbekistan has delivered an impetus for human rights and freedom. It also gives importance to the privacy of an individual and ensures the protection of his data.



## **VII. Preservation of National Values and Tradition:**

Uzbekistan has a rich and epic history of culture and values. The Uzbek government has always maintained beautiful cultural foundations that intact the unity of the nation. The new draft of the constitution also has much interest in preserving its traditional and historical customs, especially the protection of cultural heritage of the people of Uzbekistan. Thus, the civil society institutions including Muhallas. Political movements, trade unions, and various institutions related to public centers will remain associated with their content. The constitution introduced the term self-government concept in which an individual has the aptitude to resolve the local issues on the grounds of their interests and the local customs and traditions. The amended constitutions also touched on the most significant section of society which explained the liberty of religious organizations and state has the responsibility for their peaceful coexistence.

## **VIII. Robust Measures for the Economic Rights of the People:**

The prudent development plans also catered to the economic rights of its population. In this aspect, government has promised to provide a friendly business environment and favorable investments. Advanced trends in sales and marketing are being introduced. As in the era of globalization, entrepreneurs are the key drivers of the economy. Uzbekistan's constitution established all possible avenues for entrepreneurs. They have full liberty to carry out their business activities. Also, the private property owners have safety for their lands and buildings and the state is a guarantor of safety yet there are laws for the different



categories. The agricultural lands and forests belong to the state and can allot them on lease agreements.

**IX. Balance between Citizens and State Responsibilities and Rights:**

The revised plan of the Uzbek government is maximizing the equal treatment of everyone living in the Republic of Uzbekistan. They have no accountability for their choice of residence. Furthermore, citizens have complete freedom to live abroad or no obligations on their return to the republic. The wise policies of the president suggesting to create a balance between the citizens and compatriots living outside the country. These flexible regimes of amendments are heading the country towards a giant success and economic growth.

**X. Strengthen the State power and Active Participation of Citizens:**

To curtail corruption on all levels, the Uzbek government is working proficiently. For this purpose, the annual national report system is being applied to combat corruption.



The norm articulating that khokims also chair the Councils of People's Deputies is being removed. The authority of the Councils of People's Deputies and khokims are being strengthened. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan suggested the power to appoint and dismiss the Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Republic of Uzbekistan will be transferred to the Senate of the Oliy Majlis. Uzbekistan is always intended towards friendly



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and peaceful foreign policy with all the states. The main salient objectives of the constitutional reform are to ensure the honor and dignity of the citizens. Uzbek government has articulated all tangible strategies for the development and growth of its people and country.