

THE ROLE OF UZBEKISTAN IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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This article analyzes the place of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the system of international organizations, the fact that its foreign policy is based on multilateral diplomacy, and its activities in global and regional security, economic development, ecology, and humanitarian spheres. It also scientifically examines the country's initiatives, achieved results, and future prospects within the framework of the UN, SCO, CIS, OSCE, and other international structures.

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Uzbekistan, international organizations, foreign policy, multilateral diplomacy, UN, SCO, CIS, OSCE, OIC, global security, regional cooperation, integration.

In today's era of globalization, cooperation between states and international organizations is an important factor determining their political influence, economic development, and security systems. After gaining independence, Uzbekistan identified active integration into the international community as one of the priority directions of its foreign policy.

Uzbekistan cooperates extensively with international organizations in political, economic, environmental, and cultural spheres. This cooperation serves to strengthen the country's position on the global stage and ensure sustainable development.

Uzbekistan follows a policy of non-alignment with military-political blocs and supports resolving international conflicts through diplomatic means. As an equal member of the United Nations, Uzbekistan actively participates in international security, human rights, and sustainable development initiatives.

Uzbekistan joined the United Nations on March 2, 1992, as a new sovereign and independent state. The following year, a UN office was opened in Tashkent. The UN Country Team (UNCT) in Uzbekistan currently includes 25 UN agencies,

funds, and programs. They work together to promote national development priorities in line with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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On October 28, 2025, the Government of Uzbekistan and the United Nations signed the new Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development for 2026–2030 at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent.

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The cooperation framework defines six main areas: effective governance and justice, decent income and social protection, quality healthcare and well-being, inclusive and equitable education, climate change and environmental sustainability, as well as comprehensive development of the Aral Sea region. The UN Resident Representative in Uzbekistan emphasized that the new cooperation framework places people at the center of development, including the most disadvantaged groups, encouraging them to realize their potential and contribute to the development of their communities. According to her, as Uzbekistan and the United Nations enter a new five-year partnership for 2026–2030, their joint efforts will focus on building a more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable country by 2030.

The cooperation framework pays special attention to the Aral Sea region and supports efforts to transform it into a center of sustainable development. These initiatives aim to improve people's lives, enhance the quality of education, create jobs, and expand access to clean water. The framework was jointly developed by the Government of Uzbekistan (led by the Ministry of Economy and Finance) and UN country offices through extensive consultations with government agencies, local authorities, civil society, youth, the private sector, and international partners.

The signing ceremony held on United Nations Day marked the anniversary of the UN Charter and confirmed the strong partnership between Uzbekistan and the United Nations. The event was attended by senior government officials,

representatives of UN offices in the country, diplomatic missions, academic circles, and civil society organizations.

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defense and Security Issues Qutbiddin Burhonov expressed his views on the significance of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's speech at the 80th anniversary session of the UN General Assembly:

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's speech at the UN rostrum was of great importance not only for Uzbekistan but for our entire region. Along with national interests, it addressed issues that concern the global community climate change, sustainable development, regional security, and human rights.

Raising the Aral Sea problem once again to the attention of the international community demonstrated Uzbekistan's responsible position in environmental policy. This indicates the country's active participation in global environmental initiatives. Each initiative in the speech clearly demonstrated Uzbekistan's policy of openness, its aspiration for fair and sustainable development, and its readiness for international cooperation. In my opinion, this speech was significant not only diplomatically but also in shaping Uzbekistan's international image, regional influence, and strategic prospects.

President Mirziyoyev's speech at the UN further strengthened Uzbekistan's international standing. The speech can be positively evaluated from three important aspects. The first aspect is a responsible approach to global issues. The speech addressed pressing global challenges such as climate change, environmental risks, sustainable development, and human rights. In particular, drawing international attention to the Aral Sea tragedy once again proves that Uzbekistan takes environmental problems seriously.

The third aspect is Uzbekistan's openness to international integration. The President stressed the need to expand cooperation with international financial institutions, the World Trade Organization, and other influential organizations. This speech demonstrated that Uzbekistan's economic reforms are moving in line with global standards.

In my opinion, this speech can be viewed not only as an official diplomatic statement but also as a strategy for Uzbekistan's future development. If the initiatives put forward are implemented in practice, our country will be increasingly recognized as a reliable and influential partner at both regional and global levels.

President Mirziyoyev's speech at the UN is highly regarded as an important step in strengthening Uzbekistan's international image and defining a new stage of the country's development.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization, established in 2001, aims to develop economic cooperation, ensure security, and strengthen cultural exchange. Uzbekistan is one of the founding member states of the organization. Over the years, the country has played an important role in ensuring regional stability and security. Uzbekistan's geopolitical location is strategically important for the SCO. Located in the heart of Central Asia, the country is a very convenient hub for developing transport and logistics routes.

Within the SCO framework, Uzbekistan regularly puts forward important initiatives. For example, the country is actively working to strengthen structures that combat terrorism and drug trafficking, as well as to develop economic cooperation. In addition, it seeks to ensure energy security among member states using its own resources.

Today, the importance of the CIS is extremely significant from the perspectives of economy, security, and regional diplomacy:

Through the CIS, free trade, investment, and joint enterprise projects are being implemented between member states. This helps strengthen regional economic relations and increases production and trade volumes.

Security importance:

The CIS serves as an important platform for combating terrorism and extremism, protecting borders, and coordinating military cooperation.

Innovation and digital cooperation:

In recent years, joint strategies have been developed in the fields of digital economy, cybersecurity, science, and technology, which contributes to regional development.

In the future, the role of the CIS and Uzbekistan on this platform will remain central in ensuring regional stability in the post-Soviet space, developing economic cooperation, and strengthening security. From this perspective, the CIS serves as an important instrument in Uzbekistan's foreign policy, and this role is expected to expand further.

The OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) is one of the largest regional organizations aimed at strengthening security, stability, and cooperation in Europe and neighboring regions. The main tasks of the organization are ensuring political and military security, developing economic and environmental stability, and strengthening human rights and democratic institutions. After gaining independence, Uzbekistan has been actively participating as an OSCE member since 1992.

Uzbekistan's cooperation with the OSCE covers strengthening regional security, jointly combating transnational crimes including terrorism and drug

trafficking, and ensuring economic and environmental stability. The country also cooperates in protecting human rights through election monitoring, supporting civil society institutions, and developing democratic processes.

Uzbekistan actively participates not only in the OSCE but also in other international organizations. Within the UN and SCO frameworks, it promotes regional peace, security, and economic cooperation, while within the Organization of Islamic Cooperation it contributes to regional development and stability. At the same time, the country seeks to strengthen strategic partnerships in energy, transport, and environmental projects through transnational and regional platforms.

According to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Uzbekistan will continue contributing to a stable and secure region and expanding cooperation with international organizations. Therefore, Uzbekistan's role in the OSCE and other international organizations is characterized by ensuring regional stability, resolving conflicts peacefully through diplomatic means, and being recognized as a reliable partner in the international arena.

After gaining independence, Uzbekistan sought active participation in the international arena. In particular, its role within the United Nations the Commonwealth of Independent States , and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization forms the priority directions of the country's foreign policy.

Uzbekistan became a member of the UN in 1992 and actively participates in fulfilling its international obligations. The country promotes initiatives in UN bodies aimed at peacekeeping, socio-economic development, and human rights protection. According to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Uzbekistan strives to ensure peace, stability, and prosperity through international cooperation, which shows the strategic importance of active cooperation with the UN. Uzbekistan has been an active CIS member since 1991. Strengthening regional security, developing economic integration and transport-logistics cooperation, and expanding cultural and scientific ties are Uzbekistan's key priorities within the CIS. Uzbekistan's participation in the CIS serves to ensure regional stability and develop friendly cooperation with neighboring states.

Uzbekistan has been an active SCO member since 2001 and participates in projects related to security, economic cooperation, and combating terrorism. Within the SCO, Uzbekistan contributes to strengthening regional integration, developing trade and economic relations, and modernizing transport routes. Cooperation with the SCO helps strengthen Uzbekistan's strategic position and ensures peace in Central Asia.

Today, Uzbekistan's role in international organizations is aimed at ensuring regional and global stability and developing economic and cultural cooperation. At the same time, the following proposals are suggested regarding reforms in international organizations:

Strengthening multilateral cooperation within the UN and SCO to enhance security and stability.

Accelerating economic integration processes within the CIS and expanding transport-logistics projects. Strengthening international standards in human rights, education, and ecology and implementing them in practice.

In this way, Uzbekistan can further strengthen its position as a responsible and active member of the international community.

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