

Voluntary pledges and commitments made by Uzbekistan in connection with its candidature to the Human Rights Council (A/74/477), 2021-2023 - status of implementation

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59. Internationally:			
a)	To promote the role of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, as well as that of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as facilitators of international cooperation in the field of human rights, strengthening national capacities and sharing experiences and best practices	<p>Uzbekistan passed the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2018. In the third cycle, Uzbekistan received 212 recommendations and accepted most of them - 198 recommendations, which is 90 per cent of the total number. The number of recommendations submitted to Uzbekistan, as well as the number accepted for implementation, is in line with the general trend of the third cycle of the UPR. Uzbekistan is also submitting its fourth national report, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21</p> <p>On 15 March 2023, following a meeting between the President of Uzbekistan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, agreements were reached on further strengthening constructive dialogue and deepening practical interaction, including through the implementation of joint programmes and projects aimed at strengthening the role of civil society institutions in monitoring human rights and at training law enforcement and prison staff. In addition, following Volker Türk's visit, a road map for the implementation of the recommendations made was developed.</p> <p>The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, F. Ni Aolain, has visited Uzbekistan (2021). The Government has also extended an invitation to the Special Rapporteur</p>	Partially Implemented

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		<p>on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, E. Edwards, to visit Uzbekistan in 2023.</p> <p>Uzbekistan took note of the recommendations of the special mandate holders and used them as a guide for action. The country's Parliament has adopted a NAP to implement the recommendations of the special procedures (para. 18 of the report).</p> <p>Since 2020. The NCHR has started an active process on the implementation of NBDRR in Uzbekistan. With the support of OHCHR UHRC and OHCHR ROCA in the period from 2020-2022, 5 consultations, meetings, briefings were organised on practical aspects of NBDRR work, use and processing of data in practice, piloting of the updated version of the database. In 2023, OHCHR ROCA representatives held three online working meetings with NCHR staff and responsible persons of state bodies to present the updated version of the database.</p> <p>Consultations with stakeholders are currently underway to develop standard operating procedures for the implementation of the NBDRR. Uzbekistan is confident that this system will enable national bodies to monitor the fulfilment of international obligations undertaken by the country and facilitate the preparation of reports for submission to the UN human rights mechanisms, as well as support the mainstreaming of human rights in government policy</p>	
b)	To continue its constructive engagement and cooperation with the Human Rights Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251, in order to contribute to the full implementation of its mandate, as well as to support initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the Council and	See paragraph «a» of the present report	Done

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	improve the implementation of its resolutions and decisions at the national level		
c)	To foster a spirit of cooperation in the Human Rights Council based on the principles of mutual respect and dialogue without politicization and double standar	See paragraph «a» of the present report	Partially Implemented
d)	To promote the cooperation of the Human Rights Council with national human rights institutions, non-governmental organisations and civil society, parliaments, the private sector and other international organisations	See paragraph «a» of the present report	Partially Implemented
e)	Strengthen interregional dialogue and interregional cooperation within the Human Rights Council to address situations of concern within the framework of the Human Rights Council	President of Uzbekistan at the 76th session of the General Assembly At the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the President of Uzbekistan put forward an initiative to adopt a special UNGA resolution aimed at strengthening close interconnection and cooperation between the countries of Central and South Asia. This initiative emphasises the aspiration to strengthen regional stability, development and prosperity by deepening cooperation. In addition, as a result of Volker Türk's visit, a roadmap for the implementation of the recommendations was developed.	Partially Implemented
f)	Advocate the principles of dialogue and cooperation among all stakeholders for the promotion and protection of human rights for all peoples, with due regard to the historical, cultural and religious values of Member States and their specific socio-economic conditions	Uzbekistan supports the work of the Human Rights Council. The country has established regular and constructive co-operation with UN human rights bodies, especially with the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review mechanism, which is the only universal process to date that ensures that all states are treated equally and non-discriminatorily when their respective human rights situations are assessed. For more information, see paragraph "a" of the present report	Done

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g)	Support the universality of the universal periodic review and participate in the review process through constructive cooperation in an interactive dialogue format	<p>The NCHR disseminated the adopted recommendations arising from the Third UPR cycle to all stakeholders for necessary legislative, policy and administrative action.</p> <p>For the preparation of this report, questionnaires were developed and sent to 30 key competent public authorities. Consultative meetings were organised with stakeholders including government sector, judiciary, law enforcement agencies, national human rights institutions as well as civil society institutions.</p> <p>The report also takes into account the results of the consultations held in 2020-2023 prior to the submission of Uzbekistan's periodic reports to the treaty bodies on the situation of women, children, persons with disabilities, economic, social and cultural rights.</p> <p>An innovation in the preparation of this report was the holding of an online training on best practices in the preparation of national UPR reports for representatives of more than 20 State bodies on 31 March 2023, with the support of OHCHR and the participation of the NGO UPR-Info.</p>	Done
h)	Strengthen co-operation and interaction with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, and extend an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on torture to visit Uzbekistan at mutually acceptable dates	See paragraph «a» of the present report	Done
i)	Promote constructive interaction, dialogue and cooperation with relevant States in the	The Republic of Uzbekistan, being a full-fledged subject of international law, a participant in the ten main UN human rights instruments, consistently implements its international obligations in the field of human	Done

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	context of the consideration of "situations of concern" in the Human Rights Council	<p>rights and freedoms through interaction and cooperation with international treaty bodies, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and other UN structures.</p> <p>Firstly, during the years of independence, 35 national reports were submitted to international treaty bodies in a timely manner, in accordance with the established schedule, the quality and content of which was noted by most UN Committees;</p> <p>Secondly, cooperation with international treaty bodies is carried out not only in the preparation of national human rights reports, but also in the collection and analysis of additional information on certain aspects of human rights that they request before considering the national report, as well as conducting a constructive dialogue with members of UN Committees;</p> <p>Thirdly, in-depth study of the concluding observations and recommendations of the human rights treaty bodies, preparation and submission of Uzbekistan's comments on the validity of certain observations to the relevant UN Committee has become a practice.;</p> <p>1. Fourth, the adoption of national action plans, annual state programs "Year of Active Investment and Social Development" (2019), "Year of Development of Science, Education and Digital Economy" (2020) is an important area of implementation of international standards of human rights and freedoms, concluding observations and recommendations of treaty bodies based on the results of consideration of national reports.)", "Year of Youth Support and Population Health Promotion" (2021), "Year of Ensuring Human Interests and Mahalla Development" (2022), "The Year of Human Care and Quality Education" (2023). as well as special programs and plans aimed at implementing important aspects of human rights;</p>	

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		<p>Fifth, one of the priorities of Uzbekistan's international cooperation is to strengthen cooperation with experts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, who provide extensive assistance in acquiring information on indicators in the field of human rights and freedoms and the parameters of the OHCHR to measure progress in the field of human rights, as well as the preparation of NAPS to implement the recommendations of the HRC on the results of consideration of the Second National Report of Uzbekistan in the framework of the UPR;</p> <p>Sixth, the practice of participation of members of human rights treaty bodies in information and educational events dedicated to the preparation of national reports and the implementation of recommendations based on their consideration is developing. Uzbekistan has been repeatedly visited by a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child R. Winter, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women R. Neubauer; also At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on March 13-15, 2023. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Faulkner Turk paid a visit to the country in order to familiarize himself with the measures taken in the country in the field of ensuring human rights. In the period from November 29 to December 7, 2021, at the invitation of the Government, a delegation headed by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the fight against terrorism, F. No Aoline.</p> <p>Seventh, it has become a tradition for Uzbek delegations to participate in such international forums as the High-level Segment of the UN Human Rights Council, sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC, sessions of treaty bodies to review national human rights reports, sessions of the International Labour Conference, etc.;</p> <p>Eighth, briefings and round tables on topical aspects of human rights and significant dates (the celebration of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Constitution Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the</p>	

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		adoption of important laws and policy documents related to human rights and freedoms) are very popular among international experts.	
j)	Continue to support all efforts aimed at ensuring an effective response of the international community to human rights violations around the world by taking preventive and early response measures	<p>Uzbekistan recognizes that the adoption of a long-term strategy in the field of human rights serves the effective implementation of State policy in this area, as well as contributes to the formation of respect for human rights and freedoms.</p> <p>Based on a comprehensive study of the recommendations of the Third Cycle of the UPR, the concluding observations of the UN treaty committees in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, a National Human Rights Strategy was adopted in June 2020 as a result of extensive public discussions, national and international consultations. The draft National Strategy was posted for public discussion on the website regulation.gov.uz, the official website of the NCHR. In February 2020 National consultations were held to discuss the draft document with the participation of civil society institutions (CSOs), mass media (mass media), international organizations, and the diplomatic corps. In May 2020, international online consultations were organized with the support of OHCHR and ROCA of the OSCE/ODIHR.</p> <p>Monitoring the implementation of the National Strategy allows us to positively assess the overall state of the tasks. As of August 1, 2023, 79% of the measures envisaged in the National Strategy have been implemented. The implementation of the remaining (21%) activities continues.</p> <p>The consistent implementation of the tasks defined in the National Strategy aimed at the effective implementation of Uzbekistan's international obligations in the field of human rights serves to further strengthen its image in the international arena, as well as the formation of respect for human rights and freedoms in the country.</p>	Done

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k)	Improve platforms for dialogue with civil society in the context of the preparation and validation of treaty body reports, as well as mechanisms to record and follow up on treaty body observations	<p>Uzbekistan takes continuous measures to fulfil its reporting obligations to treaty bodies. In 2018-2023, the following reports were submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifth periodic report on the implementation of the ICCPR; - Fifth periodic report on the implementation of the CRC; - Third periodic report on the implementation of the ICESCR; - Sixth periodic report on the implementation of CEDAW, - Thirteenth to fourteenth periodic report on the implementation of CERD; - Initial report on the implementation of the CRPD. <p>In 2022, 3 periodic reports of Uzbekistan are heard by UN treaty bodies: on the implementation of CEDAW (15-16 February); ICESCR (22-23 February), CRC (31 August-1 September). For the first time, more than 10 NGOs monitored the interactive dialogue process online.</p> <p>Uzbekistan updated its common core document in June 2023.</p> <p>The Government provided comprehensive information on 19 individual communications before the Human Rights Committee.</p> <p>Questionnaires were developed for the preparation of the fourth national training report and sent to 30 key competent State authorities. Consultative meetings were organised with stakeholders, including the government sector, the judiciary, law enforcement agencies, national human rights institutions and civil society institutions.</p> <p>In particular, more than 10 NGOs participated in the preparation of the initial report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was submitted by Uzbekistan in July 2023. In order to take into account all the necessary aspects and to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the report, the draft report was sent to the relevant State bodies and NGOs for their views, recommendations and comments.</p>	Done

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l)	Promote the inclusion of the protection and promotion of human rights as a guiding principle in the processes promoted within the United Nations system	See paragraph «j» of the present report	Done
m)	Participate actively in global initiatives and discussions on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	<p>Uzbekistan, as a signatory to the UNGA Resolution on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, has taken action to align its national policies with the global 2030 Agenda. National SDGs were defined in 2018 and revised in 2022 . Sixteen Sustainable Development Goals and 126 targets have been defined. The monitoring system includes 190 indicators, for 128 of which data is published on the Statistics Agency portal (nsdg.stat.uz).</p> <p>Uzbekistan is proud to have submitted two Voluntary National Reviews on the implementation of the SDGs (the first in 2020 and the second in July 2023).</p> <p>In July 2021, Uzbekistan became the first country in the region to issue USD 235 million SDG sovereign bonds.</p> <p>In the BRM (SDG Index) ranking published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) in 2023, Uzbekistan achieved growth in the international SDG ranking and ranked 69th among 166 countries with an index of 71.1. This result improved by 8 points compared to 2022 (77th place with an index of 69.9). The country achieved positive growth in 10 SDGs.</p>	Done
n)	Intensify the process of developing and adopting guidelines for the functioning of national reporting mechanisms and follow-	See paragraph "i" of the present report and also on page 24, paragraph "e" of the present report.	Done

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	up to determine the status of these mechanisms at the national level		
o)	To promote the mainstreaming and integration of a gender perspective into all areas of work of the Human Rights Council and other United Nations mechanisms, with particular attention to: women's role in Sustainable Development; women and peace and security; women's human rights, including reproductive health and rights; ending all forms of violence against women and girls; and gender equality in trade and women's economic empowerment	<p>The main areas of activity of the Family and Women's Committee include protecting the rights and legitimate interests of women, increasing their role and activity in the social and political life of the country, ensuring gender equality, and broad involvement in scientific activities.</p> <p>In 2021, Uzbekistan approved a strategy for achieving gender equality until 2030. The document envisages increasing the number of women in management, reducing the gender imbalance, access to education, and combating violence and cases of harassment of women. In 2022, the National Programme to Increase the Activity of Women in All Spheres of Economic, Political and Social Life for 2022-2026, approved by presidential decree, was adopted. The national programme defines the provision of 42 types of benefits for women.</p> <p>Pursuant to Presidential Decision No. PP-5116 of 19 May 2021 on additional measures for the rehabilitation of women victims of violence, the regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan have been provided with the following benefits.</p> <p>No. PP-5116 of 19 May 2021, women's rehabilitation and adaptation centres have been set up in the regions (the National Women's Rehabilitation and Adaptation Centre and 28 model centres in all provinces of the country) to provide psychological, legal, pedagogical and social assistance to victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>The national centre has a 24-hour helpline "11-46".</p> <p>Since June 2022, 196 "Social adaptation counselling rooms" have also been set up at the Women's Rehabilitation and Adaptation Centre.</p> <p>The Family and Women's Committee, together with the Ministry of Health and other interested organisations, is organising systematic and targeted awareness-raising activities among women on maternal health on the theme "Healthy mother - healthy society" for the health of the future generation.</p>	Done

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		<p>The Government provides free contraceptives to women of fertile age. In this regard, the necessary funds are allocated annually from the local budget.Принят</p> <p>The Act on amendments and additions to certain legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan in connection with the further improvement of the system for the reliable protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of women and children (No. ZRU-829, dated 11 April 2023), which amends and supplements certain legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan. These amendments are related to the further improvement of the system for the reliable protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of women and children.</p> <p>One of the main changes is the toughening of penalties for violence against women and children. Such offences will now be punishable by more serious penalties, including long-term imprisonment.</p> <p>The law also establishes new mechanisms for the protection of the rights of women and children. In particular, control over compliance with labour protection and health protection rules for women and children in the workplace has been strengthened.</p> <p>The law also establishes new rules for providing women and children with access to education and health care. It provides for the establishment of special programmes and projects that will contribute to improving the education and health of women and children.</p> <p>In general, the law adopted is an important step in improving the system for the protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of women and children in Uzbekistan. It will improve living conditions for many people and make society more just and humane.</p> <p>Advocacy groups have been set up at the national and provincial levels with the Departments of the Family and Women's Affairs, in conjunction with the ministries and departments concerned, with a view to broadly explaining the essence of the Act to the population.</p>	

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		<p>Propaganda activities to explain the essence of the Act were organised in a total of 2,455 places, involving 57,672 participants. Of these, 1,296 events were held in makhallas with the participation of 24,094 persons, 12,746 in 604 labour collectives and 20,832 in 555 educational establishments.</p>	
p)	<p>To contribute internationally to the promotion of women's rights, children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities and the integration of the human rights dimensions of migration, health and education, and to share good practices, experiences and achievements in these areas with interested partners</p>	<p>Issues relating to women's and children's rights are dealt with in paragraph «o» of this document.</p> <p>Uzbekistan currently has some 100 legislative acts (8 laws, 14 presidential decrees, 28 presidential decrees and 47 Cabinet of Ministers decisions) which contain norms governing relations in the area of ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>With the adoption of the amended Constitution, the rights of persons with disabilities were enshrined in a separate article of the Constitution. Another important achievement is the adoption of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In particular, article 57 of the Constitution and article 11 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act are aimed at adopting comprehensive measures to prevent discrimination against persons with disabilities, protect the honour and dignity of persons with disabilities, ensure equal rights and opportunities for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with other citizens, involve persons with disabilities in the life of society and the State, organize educational work in society on respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, and ensure compliance with legislation on the rights of persons with disabilities.</p>	Partially Implemented
q)	<p>Make efforts to implement the General Assembly resolution on education and religious tolerance to promote tolerance, peaceful coexistence and interreligious</p>	<p>A new law on freedom of conscience and religious organisations was adopted in 2021, taking into account the recommendations of international organisations. A simplified procedure for the registration of religious</p>	Done

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	dialogue as ways to counter hate speech, radicalization and extremism	<p>organisations and a judicial procedure for the termination of their activities were introduced.</p> <p>In the period 2019-2023, 92 religious organisations were registered in all regions of the country belonging to 8 religious denominations. Of these, 70 are Muslim and 22 are non-Islamic.</p> <p>To date, there are 2350 religious organisations belonging to 16 religious denominations with equal rights.</p> <p>More than 20,000 persons considered to be adherents of radical religious movements or who had fallen under their influence had been removed from the registers of the law enforcement agencies. Uzbekistan had put an end to the practice of blacklisting people involved in banned extremist groups who had shown an inclination or had been placed there by mistake.</p> <p>A law "On Countering Extremism" (30 July 2018) has been drafted and adopted in accordance with international standards.</p> <p>Over the past 4 years, 1,500 persons who were serving sentences for involvement in extremism and terrorism have been pardoned. Under the amnesty acts from 2018-2021, 934 people were released from prison.</p> <p>The practice of raids has been discontinued in Uzbekistan .</p> <p>The ban on appearing in public places in religious garb has been eliminated. Measures have been taken to ensure that minors, accompanied by their parents, may worship without hindrance.</p> <p>A procedure has been established for the production, import and distribution of religious materials after receiving a favourable conclusion of religious expertise.</p>	

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		<p>A charitable foundation "Waqf" and a Council for Confessions have been established. A new system of religious education has been established. The International Islamic Academy, the Centre for Islamic Civilization, the centres of Imam Bukhari, Moturidi and Imam Termizi, and others have been established.</p> <p>The country has been removed from the List of Countries of Special Concern.</p> <p>The Concept of State Policy in the sphere of interethnic relations is being implemented.</p> <p>On 12 December 2018, a special UNGA resolution on "Education and Religious Tolerance" was adopted, the draft of which was developed by Uzbekistan and unanimously supported by all UN member states.</p> <p>On 16-20 May 2022, an international forum "Dialogue of Declarations" was held in Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara. The forum participants adopted the Bukhara Declaration, which was recognised as an official document of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly.</p>	
r)	To cooperate with all relevant stakeholders in the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, in particular through dialogue, exchange of expertise, technical cooperation and consultations, guided by the understanding that all human rights, including the right to development, are indivisible and interrelated	See paragraph «i» of the present report	Done

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s)	Contribute to the implementation of international initiatives in the field of human rights protection by allocating adequate financial resources for these purposes.	<p>On January 28, 2022, the "Strategy for the Development of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" was approved as a proposal for an action strategy for the systematic organization of political and economic reforms in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The main principle of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan - "In the name of human honor and dignity", provides for further improvement of the welfare of the people, transformation of the economy, accelerated development of entrepreneurship, ensuring human rights and interests, as well as the formation of an active civil society.</p> <p>The main directions of the Development Strategy cover 100 specifically set National goals and objectives of sustainable development, creates the basis for their achievement by 2030.</p> <p>By Decree of the President of Uzbekistan No. UP-6255 dated 01.07.2021, the National Strategy of the Republic of Uzbekistan on countering extremism and terrorism for 2021-2026 was approved.</p> <p>In recent years, more than 41 normative legal acts regulating women's rights have been adopted (in particular, 25 legislative acts in this area have been adopted, including 2 laws, 2 decrees and 12 resolutions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 25 Government resolutions).</p> <p>In 2018-2022, a number of regulatory legal acts were adopted aimed at implementing the Program of a Set of Measures to further improve the system of support for Persons with disabilities and strengthen guarantees for the protection of their rights and freedoms. As part of the large-scale work on the radical reform of the national system of public services in the country, the Agency for Public Services under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been established.</p>	Done

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		<p>At the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan, several important special resolutions of the UN General Assembly were adopted aimed at strengthening regional and international cooperation in order to ensure peace, stability and sustainable development in the Central Asian region.</p> <p>The resolution on the rights of youth during the pandemic, introduced by Uzbekistan, was adopted at the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council on October 8, 2021. In accordance with the proposal made by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly in 2020, on December 14, 2022, the resolution "Strengthening the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals" was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly.</p> <p>Also at the initiative of Uzbekistan, the 76th session of the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution "Strengthening the interconnectedness between Central and South Asia".</p> <p>In June 2021. The Republic of Uzbekistan has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. On February 7, 2022, Convention No. 167 of the International Labor Organization "On Occupational Safety and Health in Construction" was ratified. The ratification of the Convention serves the effective implementation of international occupational safety and health standards into national legislation and legal practice.</p> <p>On October 4, 2022, the resolution "Youth and Human Rights" was adopted at the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council. Supporting the UN resolutions on the right to a healthy environment, Uzbekistan joined the Declaration on Children, Youth and Actions to Combat Climate Change.</p> <p>In accordance with the Decree of the President of Uzbekistan dated May 12 "On the broad celebration of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the</p>	

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		<p>Universal Declaration of Human Rights".As a voluntary contribution, he will transfer 100 thousand US dollars to the fund of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2023.</p> <p>Before that, Uzbekistan transferred voluntary contributions to the OHCHR fund in the amount of 100 thousand dollars in 2021 (since this year, the country has been elected a member of the UN Human Rights Council for three years), 2018 (70th anniversary of the Declaration) and 2008 (60th anniversary of the declaration).</p>	
60. At the regional level:			
a)	Continue to work at the regional level with its OIC partners, in particular the NCHR, to promote human rights in the region	<p>On January 6-7, 2022, Islamabad, First Deputy Director of the National Center for Human Rights M. Tillabayev took part in the Seventh International Seminar of the Independent Standing Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the topic "Fighting corruption is a necessary condition for the full realization of all human rights and sustainable development".</p> <p>On May 24-26, 2022, Jeddah, the delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan headed by the First Deputy Director of the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights M. Tillabayev took part in the 19th session of the Independent Standing Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (IPCHR OIC).</p> <p>On May 24, 2022, a Memorandum of cooperation was signed between the Independent Permanent Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the framework of the 19th session of the OIC NPCHR. This memorandum was signed by Haji Ali Achikgul, Chairman of the Commission of the OIC NPCHR, and Mirzatillo Tillabayev, First Deputy Director of the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Within the framework of this memorandum,</p>	Done

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		<p>the parties agreed to hold regular consultations to discuss issues that may lead to mutual cooperation, as well as to regularly organize joint events, programs and projects in the field of human rights protection. May 21-25, 2023, Jeddah, First Deputy Director of the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p> <p>M. Tillabayev took part in the 21st session of the Independent Standing Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (IPCHR OIC). Within the framework of the 21st session of the OIC NPCHR, M. Tillabayev took part in the thematic discussion "Business and human rights: regulatory framework and guidelines for the OIC countries".</p>	
b)	Continue to promote the establishment of a regional human rights mechanism for the Asian region and promote its role and objectives in the relevant Member States	<p>The NCHR has studied foreign experience in the creation and operation of regional mechanisms for the protection of human rights (European, Inter-American, African, Arab, South Asian systems). A review of the legal framework for the establishment and functioning of regional mechanisms, as well as the legal framework for the activities of institutions for the protection of human rights in the regions (the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the East African Court of Human Rights) was carried out. An overview and a comparative legal table of the functioning of regional mechanisms for the protection of human rights has been prepared. A concept note on the feasibility of establishing a regional human rights mechanism for the Asian region is currently being prepared.</p>	Under Review
c)	Encourage the inclusion of human rights issues at the top of the agenda of regional forums and ensure their mainstreaming into the work of regional forums and the	President of Uzbekistan at the 76th session of the General Assembly At the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the President of Uzbekistan put forward an initiative to adopt a special UNGA resolution aimed at strengthening close interconnection and cooperation between the countries of Central and South Asia. This initiative emphasises the aspiration to strengthen regional stability, development and prosperity	Implemented Partially

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	implementation of regional programmes, activities and priorities	by deepening cooperation. In addition, as a result of Volker Türk's visit, a roadmap for the implementation of the recommendations was developed.	
d)	Support bilateral and multilateral programmes in support of efforts to promote and protect human rights in the countries of the region	See paragraph (c) of the present report (60. At the regional level):	Implemented Partially
e)	To continue to play a constructive role and to act as an impartial and good faith actor in the legal and humanitarian management of regional crises, in particular through mediation, in order to protect human rights and address the threat of violations of those rights	See paragraph (c) of the present report. 60. At the regional level:	Implemented Partially
61. At the national level:			
a)	To adhere to the highest standards in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights and to ensure the integrated consideration of human rights in various fields of State activity at the national and international levels	On January 28, 2022, the "Strategy for the Development of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" was approved as a proposal for an action strategy for the systematic organization of political and economic reforms in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The main principle of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan - "In the name of human honor and dignity", provides for further improvement of the welfare of the people, transformation of the economy, accelerated development of entrepreneurship, ensuring human rights and interests, as well as the formation of an active civil society.	Done

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		<p>The main directions of the Development Strategy cover 100 specifically set National goals and objectives of sustainable development, creates the basis for their achievement by 2030.</p> <p>By Decree of the President of Uzbekistan No. UP-6255 dated 01.07.2021, the National Strategy of the Republic of Uzbekistan on countering extremism and terrorism for 2021-2026 was approved.</p> <p>In recent years, more than 41 normative legal acts regulating women's rights have been adopted (in particular, 25 legislative acts in this area have been adopted, including 2 laws, 2 decrees and 12 resolutions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 25 Government resolutions).</p> <p>In 2018-2022, a number of regulatory legal acts were adopted aimed at implementing the Program of a Set of Measures to further improve the system of support for Persons with disabilities and strengthen guarantees for the protection of their rights and freedoms. As part of the large-scale work on the radical reform of the national system of public services in the country, the Agency for Public Services under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been established.</p> <p>At the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan, several important special resolutions of the UN General Assembly were adopted aimed at strengthening regional and international cooperation in order to ensure peace, stability and sustainable development in the Central Asian region.</p> <p>The resolution on the rights of youth during the pandemic, introduced by Uzbekistan, was adopted at the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council on October 8, 2021. In accordance with the proposal made by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly in 2020, on December 14, 2022, the resolution "Strengthening the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals" was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly.</p>	

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		<p>Also at the initiative of Uzbekistan, the 76th session of the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution "Strengthening the interconnectedness between Central and South Asia".</p> <p>In June 2021. The Republic of Uzbekistan has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. On February 7, 2022, Convention No. 167 of the International Labor Organization "On Occupational Safety and Health in Construction" was ratified. The ratification of the Convention serves the effective implementation of international occupational safety and health standards into national legislation and legal practice.</p> <p>On October 4, 2022, the resolution "Youth and Human Rights" was adopted at the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council. Supporting the UN resolutions on the right to a healthy environment, Uzbekistan joined the Declaration on Children, Youth and Actions to Combat Climate Change.</p>	
b)	Strengthen cooperation and collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and special procedures	<p>In March 2023, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Faulkner Türk, paid a visit to the country to familiarise himself with the human rights measures being taken in the country.</p> <p>Following the visit, the High Commissioner made recommendations, for the implementation of which a national plan of action is currently being developed.</p> <p>In 2018, Uzbekistan extended a standing invitation to all thematic mandate holders of the United Nations special procedures. For example, in September 2019, the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Council on the independence of judges and lawyers, D. Garcia-Sayan, visited Uzbekistan. From 29 November to 7 December 2021, at the invitation of the Government, a delegation led by the Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, F. Ni Aolain, visited Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan continues its cooperation with the special mandate holders and is expecting a visit by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel,</p>	Done

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		inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, E. Edwards, in the second half of 2023.	
c)	Engage on an ongoing basis with all stakeholders in assessing and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the universal periodic review mechanism and also interact with this mechanism by providing action-oriented and useful recommendations to other Member States	<p>The NCHR disseminated the adopted recommendations arising from the Third Cycle of the UPR to all interested parties for the adoption of the necessary legislative, political and administrative measures.</p> <p>Questionnaires have been developed for the preparation of this report and sent to 30 key competent State authorities. Consultative meetings have been organized with the participation of stakeholders, including the Government sector, the judiciary, law enforcement agencies, national human rights institutions, as well as civil society institutions.</p> <p>The report also takes into account the results of consultations held in 2020-2023 before the submission to the treaty bodies of Uzbekistan's periodic reports on the situation of women, children, people with disabilities, economic, social and cultural rights.</p> <p>An innovation in the process of preparing this report was the holding on March 31, 2023, with the support of the UN OHCHR, with the participation of the non-governmental organization UPR-Info, of an online training on best practices for preparing national reports on the implementation of the UPR for representatives of more than 20 state bodies.</p>	Implemented Partially
d)	Cooperate with United Nations treaty bodies and ensure the timely submission of periodic reports in accordance with Uzbekistan's international human rights treaties	<p>Uzbekistan takes continuous measures to fulfil its reporting obligations to treaty bodies. In 2018-2023, the following reports were submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifth periodic report on the implementation of the ICCPR; - Fifth periodic report on the implementation of the CRC; - Third periodic report on the implementation of the ICESCR; - Sixth periodic report on the implementation of CEDAW, - Thirteenth to fourteenth periodic report on the implementation of CERD; - Initial report on the implementation of the CRPD. 	Done

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		<p>In 2022, 3 periodic reports of Uzbekistan are heard by UN treaty bodies: on the implementation of CEDAW (15-16 February); ICESCR (22-23 February), CRC (31 August-1 September). For the first time, more than 10 NGOs monitored the interactive dialogue process online.</p> <p>Uzbekistan updated its common core document in June 2023 .</p> <p>The Government provided comprehensive information on 19 individual communications before the Human Rights Committee.</p> <p>In July 2023, Uzbekistan submitted its initial report on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p>	
e)	Continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the work of national human rights bodies through the introduction of international best practices and the exchange of experience	<p>As part of the Strategy of Action on five priority areas of Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021, amendments and additions were made to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman)" (No. ZRU-441 of 29.08.2017) aimed at strengthening the independence of the Ombudsman institution and further expanding its powers in the protection of human rights persons in custody, as well as (No. ZRU-530 of 14.03.2019) introduced a system of measures to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (national preventive mechanism).</p> <p>The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On additional measures to improve the system for detecting and preventing cases of torture" (No. PP-5163 dated June 26, 2021) defines priority tasks for creating effective legal mechanisms for early prevention of the use of torture, prompt and objective consideration of related appeals, regular monitoring visits to places of detention of persons with limited freedom movement.</p> <p>On the basis of the expert group under the Ombudsman, a public group has been established to identify and prevent cases of torture, which includes experts from the National Center for Human Rights, medical workers,</p>	Done

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		<p>representatives of non-governmental non-profit organizations, mass media, civil society activists, taking into account their professional qualifications and practical knowledge to carry out monitoring visits, and also ensuring gender equality. In addition, the Chambers of the Oliy Majlis will annually hear the report of the Commissioner for Human Rights on the prevention of torture.</p> <p>According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to improve the activities of the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights" (No. UP-6312 dated September 10, 2021), taking into account international best practices, a new draft law has been developed taking into account the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - additional guarantees of unhindered and effective implementation by the Ombudsman of the tasks facing him, as well as measures for reliable protection of his rights, honor and dignity; - the procedure for providing information on a systematic basis to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Oliy Majlis by the Ombudsman on the state of compliance with legislative acts on the protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests by state, including law enforcement and regulatory authorities; - submission to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Oliy Majlis by the Ombudsman of information on the state of compliance with legislative acts on the protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests by state, including law enforcement and regulatory authorities; - submission of special reports to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the chambers of the Oliy Majlis, as well as to the Cabinet of Ministers on certain aspects of the protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests aimed at taking legal, organizational, socio-economic and other measures; - the right of legislative initiative of the Ombudsman; - additional guarantees of the immunity of the Ombudsman and his deputy during their term of office; 	

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		<p>- the status of a regional representative of the Ombudsman, working on a permanent basis with direct subordination to the Ombudsman;</p> <p>- participation in meetings of state bodies and organizations related to the consideration of issues of protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests, including at meetings of the Plenum of the Supreme Court, etc.</p> <p>When developing the draft law "On the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman), the working group studied the legislation of advanced countries in this area, in particular Finland, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Serbia, the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, etc.</p> <p>Currently, the draft Law is being considered by the Committee on Democratic Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and Citizens' Self-government Bodies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</p> <p>The adopted amendments harmonize the norms of national legislation and the international legal framework available in this area, brings the legislative and practical support of the Ombudsman's activities in line with the "Principles concerning the Status of National Institutions engaged in the promotion and Protection of Human Rights (Paris Principles), approved by UN General Assembly resolution 48/134 of December 20, 1993.</p> <p>It should also be noted that in 2022, the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman), together with the country's reports, simultaneously submitted to the relevant UN committees alternative reports of the Ombudsman on the implementation of the obligations of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. In addition, in April 2023, an alternative report of the Commissioner to the Fourth National Report of the Republic of</p>	

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		<p>Uzbekistan within the framework of the Universal Periodic Review was also sent to the UN Human Rights Council.</p> <p>The Alternative reports reveal the measures taken within the framework of the Action Strategy to Ensure the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms, the role of the Ombudsman in these areas.</p>	
f)	Consider joining international human rights instruments to which Uzbekistan is not yet a party	<p>In June 2021, the Republic of Uzbekistan ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The issue of ratification of this document was also voiced by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the 46th session of the UN Human Rights Council. The National Action Plan for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was approved by a joint resolution of the Chambers of the Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan on December 19, 2022.</p> <p>On February 7, 2022, Convention No. 167 of the International Labor Organization "On Occupational Safety and Health in Construction" was ratified. The ratification of the Convention serves the effective implementation of international occupational safety and health standards into national legislation and legal practice. On October 4, 2022, the resolution "Youth and Human Rights" was adopted at the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council. Supporting the UN resolutions on the right to a healthy environment, Uzbekistan has joined the Declaration on Children, Youth and Actions to Combat Climate Change.</p> <p>The Republic of Uzbekistan is currently studying the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and is studying the signing of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. In this context, the training module "International legal practice on statelessness" has been developed. A comparative legal analysis of national legislation and law enforcement practice in the Republic of Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. The</p>	Implemented Partially

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		1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the Guidelines for the Protection of Stateless Persons with the support of the UNHCR have been translated into Uzbek.	
g)	To strengthen Uzbekistan's capacity to fulfil its obligations under the international human rights treaties to which it is a party through the effective implementation of the relevant national human rights action plans	<p>Uzbekistan has adopted national action plans and State programs to implement its international obligations under international treaties. In particular, on 12/19/2022 - NAP on the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights following the consideration of the Third National Report of Uzbekistan, on 12/19/2022 - NAP on the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women following the consideration of the Sixth National Report of Uzbekistan, on 12/19/2022. - NAP on the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 10.05.2023 - NAP on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights in the fight against terrorism following a visit to Uzbekistan. 10/25/2022 - National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security".</p> <p>In addition, on January 28, 2022, the "Strategy for the Development of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" was approved as a proposal for an action strategy for the systematic organization of political and economic reforms in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The main principle of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan - "In the name of human honor and dignity", provides for further improvement of the welfare of the people, transformation of the economy, accelerated development of entrepreneurship, ensuring human rights and interests, as well as the formation of an active civil society.</p>	Done

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		<p>The main directions of the Development Strategy cover 100 specifically set National goals and objectives of sustainable development, creates the basis for their achievement by 2030.</p>	
h)	<p>Develop its national reporting and follow-up mechanism to serve the practical implementation of international and regional human rights standards and practices directly at the national level</p>	<p>In accordance with UNGA Resolution 68/268 on strengthening and improving the effectiveness of the functioning of the human rights treaty body system, the recommendations of States during the UPR and the concluding observations of the treaty bodies, in December 2018 Uzbekistan established the NMAA, defining the NHRC as an independent state body and giving additional powers and human resources funded from the State Budget.</p> <p>Uzbekistan, in accordance with the recommendations of international organizations, on December 10, 2018, put into effect the National Reporting and Follow-up Mechanism (NMAP), giving the NCHR the appropriate powers to ensure compliance with obligations under international human rights treaties.</p> <p>The NCHR ensures the interaction of state bodies and other organizations to fulfill Uzbekistan's international obligations, the preparation of national reports in the field of human rights, the development of national action plans (roadmaps) to implement the recommendations of international human rights structures, and the expansion of cooperation with international organizations for the protection of human rights.</p> <p>The Government has created a special coordination system to monitor actions to implement the recommendations of the UN human rights mechanisms. To this end, all State bodies have identified structures and officials responsible for constant interaction with the NHRC, providing relevant information and statistical data on human rights at its request.</p>	<p>Done</p>

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		The Government hopes that the activities of the NHRC in the future will serve as an example of the best practices of the activities of the NHRC.	
i)	Introduce measures aimed at ensuring the right to equal and effective participation of all citizens in political and public life and strengthening the democratic rule of law	<p>State programmes have been implemented under the Strategy for Action in five priority areas of Uzbekistan's development: "The Year of Active Investment and Social Development" (2019), "The Year of Development of Science, Education and Digital Economy" (2020)", "The Year of Support for Youth and Promotion of Public Health" (2021), "The Year of Human Interests and Mahalla Development" (2022), "The Year of Human Care and Quality Education" (2023).</p> <p>Some 300 laws and more than 4,000 presidential acts have been adopted to promote human rights, strengthen the accountability and openness of State bodies and enhance the role of civil society institutions, the media and the political activity of the population and voluntary associations.</p>	Done
j)	Prioritise the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a core component of its national and international public policies and, in cooperation with other countries, promote the reforms necessary for its effective implementation.	<p>Uzbekistan, as a signatory to the UNGA Resolution on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, has taken action to align its national policies with the global 2030 Agenda. National SDGs were defined in 2018 and revised in 2022 . Sixteen Sustainable Development Goals and 126 targets have been defined. The monitoring system includes 190 indicators, for 128 of which data is published on the Statistics Agency portal (nsdg.stat.uz).</p> <p>Uzbekistan is proud to have submitted two Voluntary National Reviews on the implementation of the SDGs (the first in 2020 and the second in July 2023).</p> <p>In July 2021, Uzbekistan became the first country in the region to issue USD 235 million SDG sovereign bonds.</p>	Done

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		<p>In the BRM (SDG Index) ranking published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) in 2023, Uzbekistan achieved growth in the international SDG ranking and ranked 69th among 166 countries with an index of 71.1. This result improved by 8 points compared to 2022 (77th place with an index of 69.9). The country achieved positive growth in 10 SDGs.</p>	
k)	<p>Adopt a national plan of action on business and human rights and ensure its fulfilment and the implementation of all its practical measures to ensure that all the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are respected</p>	<p>In recent years, in the Republic of Uzbekistan, all economic and social programs, investment projects adopted for the development of small business and private entrepreneurship are aimed at creating new jobs, as well as protecting the rights and interests of migrant workers. The Employment Promotion Fund, the Fund for Support and Protection of the Rights and Interests of Citizens Engaged in Labor Activities Abroad have been established.</p> <p>The development of a National Action Plan for the implementation of the basic principles of entrepreneurship from the point of view of the UN in the field of human rights is included in the Roadmap for the implementation of the National Strategy of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Human Rights.</p> <p>This NAP was initiated by the Republic of Uzbekistan in order to implement the obligation to protect economic, social and cultural rights enshrined in international conventions to which Uzbekistan has acceded and to respond to human rights violations in the business sphere. It reflects the Government's commitment to addressing the adverse human rights consequences associated with business activities.</p> <p>The National Action Plan was developed taking into account the views of State organizations, public and private enterprises, as well as civil society.</p> <p>The draft NPA was also sent for examination to international organizations, including the ROCA of OHCHR. Based on the results of the</p>	Implemented Partially

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		<p>examination, recommendations were presented that were most relevant and useful for business and the human rights situation in Uzbekistan.</p> <p>The current National Action Plan is being finalized, taking into account all the recommendations and proposals submitted by international organizations and relevant experts.</p>	
D)	Support State programs aimed at promoting the human rights of various social groups, women, children, the elderly, the disabled and migrant workers	<p>In recent years, more than 41 normative legal acts regulating women's rights have been adopted (in particular, 25 legislative acts in this area have been adopted, including 2 laws, 2 decrees and 12 resolutions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 25 Government resolutions). According to the Decree, the National Program for Increasing the activity of women in all spheres of economic, political and social life of the country for 2022-2026 has been approved and adopted. The Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality until 2030 has been approved, the directions of this Strategy are defined in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the period up to 2030. A Committee on Women and Gender Equality has been formed in the Senate. The Republican Commission on Enhancing the Role of Women in Society, Gender Equality and the Family has been established under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Senate. April 6, 2023 The Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted the law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan in connection with further improvement of the system of reliable protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of women and children". The Law strengthens the measures of responsibility against persons who have dishonored a victim who has not reached the age of eighteen, or who have used violence against them, satisfying sexual needs in an unnatural way, or forcing him to have sexual contact, or involving him in prostitution, as well as for a pornographic product using images of a minor. The Parliament of Uzbekistan has strengthened its position in the rating of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</p>	Done

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		<p>"Women in Politics" for 2021 and entered the group of countries that have made progress in this area. The share of women in political parties is 44%, in higher education – 46%, the share of private enterprises owned by women has reached 38%, the share of female judges among judges is 15%, and the share of women using the Internet is 72.6%.</p> <p>The Concept of the development of inclusive education in the public education system in 2020-2025 has been adopted, tasks have been defined to improve the quality of educational services provided to children with disabilities.</p> <p>In order to further strengthen guarantees for the protection of the interests of minors, amendments and additions were made to the Criminal, Criminal Procedure Codes and the Code of Administrative Responsibility of the Republic of Uzbekistan (No. ZRU-673) on February 12, 2021. As a result, criminal liability for their initial actions has been established against persons who have allowed the use of child labor, as well as criminal liability for the use of children for prostitution, their involvement in the activities of prohibited or illegal associations and forced labor has been strengthened.</p> <p>In 2021, measures were taken to improve the work of Social and Legal Assistance Centers for Minors. Currently, there are 14 Centers operating in the republic, 18,163 minors have been registered in them for the current period. In the Centers, taking into account the abilities of the child, individual preventive measures are carried out, assistance is provided in placing children in a specialized educational institution, monitoring of their adaptation to life is carried out. Children in the Centers receive medical care free of charge and regularly undergo free medical examination.</p> <p>Also, for children in need of special conditions of upbringing and education, created: 1. Republican educational institution for boys - 83 minors have been registered; 2. Republican educational institution for girls - 51 minors have been registered. In these Institutions, children are strictly</p>	

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		<p>every 6 months, subject to free treatment. For each child, they assign a separate educator, assist them in finding employment.</p> <p>On October 15, 2020, the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted the law "On the Rights of persons with disabilities".</p> <p>In order to ensure the stable implementation of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, it is planned to introduce measures to improve the state system of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in 2 stages. At the first stage, the main legislative and other regulatory legal acts, methodological, informational and educational materials necessary for the implementation of the concept, the adoption of the state program "Accessible Environment" for 2022-2025 are being developed." At the second stage (2023-2025), measures will be taken for a full-scale transition to the functioning of the state system of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in all regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan in accordance with the provisions of this concept, including ensuring its physical and informational accessibility.</p> <p>The Women's Committee assists in solving the problems of families and women, provides socio-legal and psychological assistance to families and women in a difficult social situation.</p> <p>At the initiative of the Head of State, a social project "Women's Notebook" has been launched and is operating in the Republic, aimed at social protection of socially vulnerable categories of women.</p> <p>The main purpose of this "Women's Notebook" is to provide comprehensive support to women with a difficult social situation and living conditions, the unemployed and socially inactive, improving the socio-financial situation, expanding economic opportunities for low-income women.</p> <p>For reference: at the first stage of the "Women's Notebook" system, 430 thousand 275 women received practical assistance, at the second stage 450</p>	

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		<p>thousand 870, at the third stage 641 thousand 816 women. Today, through this system, 1 million Practical assistance is provided to 680 women.</p> <p>121,966 women in need of social assistance who are in the "Women's Notebook", including those with disabilities of the 1st and 2nd groups, as well as 121,521 women in need of emergency medical care were provided with medical assistance.</p> <p>In addition, one-time financial assistance was provided in the amount of 129.8 billion rubles. Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,748 women repaired housing for 13.4 billion soums; - 30,630 people received additional financial assistance in the amount of 9.7 billion soums (sewing machine, food, etc.). <p>On the basis of the Presidential decree "On measures to raise the system of providing social services to the population and assistance to families in need of social protection to a new level, and further accelerate the work on training women in professions" of 29 June 2022 PP-300 launched a social service for families.</p> <p>In 2022, as a result of studying the social situation of families, 367 thousand 779 (in 2023 79 thousand 281) needs for social services were identified and resolved.</p> <p>Women's Entrepreneurship Centers are actively operating, the centers provide practical assistance to about women in the field of entrepreneurship, crafts, vocational retraining, and employment.</p> <p>Among the business entities that have provided work on the basis of home-based work for at least 20 low-income women in the mahallas of remote and hard-to-reach areas, a project competition will be held (the amount of each of them will be 50 million soums).</p> <p>"Advisory hours" have been introduced at women's entrepreneurship centers with the involvement of homemaker leaders.</p> <p>1. Legal and social protection, provision of material assistance to citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who have been subjected to violence, forced labor and discrimination, violation of their labor and other rights, who have</p>	

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		<p>fallen into a difficult financial situation and are left without identity documents, without means of livelihood during the period of employment abroad.</p> <p>2. Payment for medical care of citizens who, during their stay in labor migration, required medical assistance due to injury, accident, acute or severe illness, in case it is impossible to pay the cost of medical services rendered at the expense of a migrant worker or medical insurance.</p> <p>3. Transportation of bodies of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who died during their stay in labor migration, as well as citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who were injured or seriously injured during labor activity.</p> <p>4. The return of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who were previously sent to work abroad as part of an organized recruitment and deported due to violations of the legislation of the host country, with subsequent reimbursement of paid funds at the expense of these citizens, as well as the return of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who were not provided with the agreed employment conditions by foreign employers.</p> <p>5. Payment to citizens who have been registered in the "Labor-migration" software package and who are leaving for labor migration in the order of organized recruitment, expenses for successfully passing the qualification exam in foreign languages and (or) professions, as well as compensation for the purchase of a travel ticket for traveling abroad.</p> <p>6. Compensation to citizens who leave for labor migration in the order of organized recruitment to developed countries for the costs of obtaining a "work visa" for employment in these countries.</p> <p>7. Carrying out information and educational activities on the expansion of organized employment of citizens abroad, prevention of illegal labor migration.</p>	
m)	Ensure a more thorough integration of gender perspectives in all areas of public policy in accordance with the concept of	In Uzbekistan, purposeful, comprehensive and consistent work is being carried out in the field of achieving gender equality, as a result, the situation of women, their legal and social status is systematically	Done

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	gender equality, paying special attention to measures to eliminate violence against women and all forms of discrimination	<p>improving, and women themselves are getting more opportunities to reveal their personal potential and self-realization.</p> <p>To increase the representation of women in public administration, a reserve of personnel has been formed from more than 25 thousand women working in various spheres of public administration and able to occupy leading positions in politics, economics and public life. Comprehensive work is being carried out to train women leaders.</p> <p>In 2022-2023, more than 300 women were trained on the basis of the "Program for increasing the activity of women in Public Administration" and more than 100 women took training courses based on the training program "Women's Leadership School".</p> <p>To support the educational opportunities of women in the 2022/2023 academic year, a number of opportunities and benefits for women have been created. In particular,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the first time, it was decided to enroll 500 women with at least 5 years of work experience in the specialty, but without higher education, based on the results of testing based on the recommendations of the State Committee for Family and Women Affairs, to study at state universities on a contract basis; - it was decided to cover the amounts of contractual obligations of all women studying in the magistracy of state higher educational institutions, and annually allocate at least 200 billion sums from the state budget for this; - a seven-year interest-free credit system has been introduced to pay for the contracts of women studying in higher educational institutions, technical schools and colleges, correspondence and evening forms of study. <p>In order to help women from low-income families make full use of the opportunities created for higher education, starting from 2020, an additional state quota is provided for women from low-income families who have a recommendation letter from the Committee for admission to the full-time bachelor's degree department on the basis of a state grant.</p>	

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		<p>As a result, if 110,000 women and girls studied at universities 6 years ago, today this number has increased almost 5 times and amounts to 500,000 people, the share of girls among students receiving higher education has reached 50%.</p> <p>In 2022, the state paid more than 68 billion soums for master's degree studies on a contractual basis for more than 10 thousand female students.</p> <p>More than 65 thousand female students have been allocated 727 billion soums of interest-free loans for education. About 2,000 girls living in low-income families, as well as more than 500 women with five years of professional experience were admitted to universities under a special quota.</p> <p>In each region, the budget pays for contract training for 150 girls from low-income families (girls in need who have lost their parents or one of them, single women who do not have a breadwinner)</p>	
n)	Take measures for the full realization of the human rights of persons with disabilities in order to ensure their inclusion and participation and ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted in 2006	<p>In June 2021. The Republic of Uzbekistan has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>In order to ensure the stable implementation of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, it is planned to introduce measures to improve the state system of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in 2 stages. At the first stage, the main legislative and other regulatory legal acts, methodological, informational and educational materials necessary for the implementation of the concept, the adoption of the state program "Accessible Environment" for 2022-2025 are being developed." At the second stage (2023-2025), measures will be taken for a full-scale transition to the functioning of the state system of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in all regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan in accordance with the provisions of this concept, including ensuring its physical and informational accessibility.</p> <p>Currently, there are 13 bus stations and 148 bus stations in the republic. The Toshkent bus station, reconstructed in 2019, is fully adapted for people</p>	Done

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		with disabilities. The State Standard of the Republic of Uzbekistan O'ZDST 3196:2017 "Bus stops on highways. General technical requirements", which also contains requirements ensuring accessibility of bus stops for persons with disabilities. All necessary means of transportation are provided at airports, including an ambulatory elevator (ambulift) for the delivery of passengers on board the aircraft	
o)	Continue to promote the genuine participation of civil society and human rights defenders in the promotion and protection of human rights and their real involvement in these activities	<p>The Ombudsman constantly conducts monitoring studies of penal institutions with the involvement of representatives of the National Center for Human Rights, the nationwide movement "Yuksalish", the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights, civil society activists, the media, etc.</p> <p>In the period of 2022, the Commissioner and members of the Public Group under the Ombudsman conducted 381 monitoring visits (2021 – 177, 2020 – 76) to places of detention of persons with limited mobility within the framework of the National Preventive Mechanism.</p> <p>During the monitoring, the conditions of detention of persons in custody, the procedure for treating them, the quality of their medical care and catering were studied. In addition to the above, the issues of organizing the work of prisoners, conducting educational, spiritual and educational work with them in institutions for the execution of punishment were also considered.</p> <p>During the monitoring visits, collective (2022 – more than 6000, 2021 – about 4500) and individual (2022 – 1657, 2021 – 758) meetings with persons in custody were held.</p> <p>It should be noted that the staff of the Ombudsman's Secretariat and the Public Group for the Detection and Prevention of Torture during monitoring visits also conduct anonymous surveys on the identification of torture, conditions of detention, the procedure for treating them, the quality of their medical care and catering, labor organization.</p> <p>In 2022, together with the Senate Committee on Judicial and Legal Affairs and Anti-Corruption, a platform was created for organizing open dialogues between government bodies and representatives of civil society</p>	Done

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		<p>in the field of ensuring human rights. In particular, on May 7 and October 17, round tables were held on the topic "Interaction of public administration bodies with civil society institutions in ensuring human rights and freedoms: problems and ways to solve them".</p> <p>January 13-14, 2022 together with the Republican Public Association "Institute of Democracy and Human Rights", a branch of the German Association of People's Universities (DVV) in Uzbekistan within the framework of the project "Interaction of state bodies and civil society institutions in the resocialization of vulnerable groups of the population", funded by the European Union with co-financing of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) a meeting of representatives of civil society organizations from various regions of the republic was held.</p> <p>On February 23, 2022, together with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Central Asia and the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan, in connection with the 27th anniversary of the Institute of the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman), an international conference was organized on the topic "Ensuring human rights and freedoms as the highest value and an important criterion of the reforms carried out in the country", which was attended by international and local experts, as well as representatives of civil society.</p> <p>On May 23-24, 2022, in Tashkent, the Ombudsman and the Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Central Asia held a seminar on the topic "The right to participate in public affairs and the UN Guiding Principles". The purpose of the seminar was to form the possibility of taking practical measures to guarantee the effective participation of employees of state bodies in ensuring the right of citizens to participate in public administration and to strengthen knowledge on working with representatives of civil society in this direction.</p> <p>On June 28, 2022, the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman) in the Palace of International Forums "Uzbekistan"</p>	

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		<p>in Tashkent in cooperation with the UN Mission in Uzbekistan, the USAID Mission in Uzbekistan, the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan, the International Prison Reform (PRI) held the First Forum of Central Asian Ombudsmen on the topic "Cooperation of Ombudsmen of Central Asian countries Asia in ensuring human rights and freedoms" with the participation of representatives of civil society.</p> <p>In addition, the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman) during the four months of 2023 held the following events with the involvement of representatives of civil society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 23, in Samarkand, an international conference on "Interaction and cooperation in the field of reliable protection of human rights and freedoms" in connection with the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Institute of the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman); - On February 27, in Tashkent, the seminar "Interaction of state bodies and civil society institutions in the resocialization of the population in need of social protection"; - On March 30, in Samarkand, together with the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan and the Khokimiyat of the Samarkand region, an international round table on the topic "The Constitution is the priority of human rights"; - On April 5 in Bukhara, on April 11 in Fergana, on April 18 in Urgench together with the International Republican Institute at the US Congress (IRI) round tables on the topic "The role of the Ombudsman and civil society institutions in strengthening cooperation with local public authorities"; - On April 24-25 in Bukhara together with the International The Republican Institute at the US Congress (IRI) is the final round table "The role of the Ombudsman and civil society institutions in strengthening cooperation with local government authorities. 	

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p)	Strengthen the culture of human rights and, to this end, raise awareness of human rights through information campaigns, seminars and workshops and through the inclusion of human rights education in academic and educational programs	<p>The Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman) pays special attention to raising the legal awareness of the population as one of the main directions of his activities. The reason for this is that the analysis of the received appeals to the Ombudsman showed that the level of awareness about the reforms to strengthen social protection of the population and improve housing conditions in recent years is low.</p> <p>Within the framework of the National Human Rights Education Program in the Republic of Uzbekistan (approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 46 dated 07.02.2023), the Ombudsman held 16 round tables in the regions on the topic “Human rights – high value”, “Ombudsman and youth” from February 20-25, 2023. involving the teaching staff and students, self-governing bodies of citizens and youth.</p> <p>On April 15, 2023, an open dialogue was held at the Ombudsman's office with 3rd-year students of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy.</p> <p>It should also be noted that since 2022, the project "School of the Ombudsman" is being implemented, aimed at raising awareness of citizens about the opportunities and privileges created for citizens in remote areas of the republic. In 2022, 25 events of the "Ombudsman School" were held in Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Fergana, Namangan, Surkhandarya, Navoi, Samarkand, Tashkent and Syrdarya regions, in which more than 4.5 thousand citizens took part. These events are widely covered in the media.</p> <p>In the period of 4 months of 2023, the “School of the Ombudsman” events were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 9 in Navoi, Navoi region; - April 17 in Shavatsky district of Khorezm region; - April 20 in the Karmaninsky district of Navoi region; - April 25 in the Besharyk district of the Ferghana region. <p>In May of this year, the opening of the “Ombudsman School” is also planned to be held in Surkhandarya (May 5 in Shurchinsky district),</p>	Done

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		<p>Kashkadarya (May 5 in Shakhrisabz district), Andijan (May 11 in Khuzhaabad district), Bukhara (May 16 in Peshkun district) regions.</p> <p>Within the framework of this event, visiting reception offices of the Commissioner, a job fair for unemployed citizens, a medical examination of the population with the participation of a narrow circle of specialists, an exhibition aimed at raising awareness of citizens about the reforms and opportunities implemented in the country are also organized.</p> <p>At the events, citizens are also given handouts aimed at raising public awareness of the newly adopted regulatory documents.</p>	
q)	To ensure the practical implementation of the provisions of the Samarkand Declaration on Principles of Dialogue and Cooperation among All Stakeholders for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of All Peoples	<p>Following the adoption of the Samarkand Declaration, notable results have been achieved within a short period of time. By presidential decree of 5 May 2018, Uzbekistan approved a programme of measures to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</p> <p>Uzbekistan has consistently advocated the establishment of a regional mechanism on human rights in the Asian region. In particular, on its initiative, it has established a permanent platform, the Samarkand Human Rights Forum. This forum is aimed at identifying and assessing the significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Central Asia and other Asian countries for the further development of the region along the path set out in the 2030 Agenda, with its sustainable development goals. Also as part of the implementation of the Samarkand Declaration, Uzbekistan has adopted a special State programme of measures to inform the population comprehensively about the essence and significance of the first universal international human rights instrument, as well as to improve human rights legislation and law enforcement practice and ensure compliance with the new international instruments. More than 120 major international human rights instruments have been translated into Uzbek and published in large print runs. Some 30 legal newspapers and magazines on human rights issues are published in the country.</p>	Implemented Partially

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		<p>Two Government decrees have been adopted, pursuant to which advanced training courses for staff in the observance and protection of human rights have been held on the basis of the National Centre for Human Rights, and a non-governmental organization, Madad, has been established to provide free legal assistance. Presidential Decree No. UP-6012 of 22 June 2020 approved a national human rights strategy. The purpose of the national strategy is to define the main tasks and areas for the implementation of Uzbekistan's consistently pursued State policy of safeguarding human rights and freedoms as an essential and necessary condition for improving the living standards and well-being of the people, the country's competitiveness in the world arena, its sustainable development and the creation of its new, democratic image.</p> <p>In addition, Presidential Decree No. UP-70 was adopted on 12 May 2023 to mark the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This Decree provides for a wide range of activities to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including initiatives to disseminate the basic principles and values enshrined in this document.</p>	