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In the Working Group, Slovakia recommended that Uzbekistan “Recognise the right to conscientious objection, ensuring that conscientious objectors are not subjected to reprisals”. Slovenia went into more detail, calling on Uzbekistan to “Fully recognise the right of conscientious objection to military service without discrimination as to the religion of belief on which the objection is based, and provide civilian alternative service compatible with international standards.”

Uzbekistan listed both recommendations among those which it considered were already implemented or in the course of implementation,

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation hopes that this answer implies that Uzbekistan is in the course of revising its military recruitment legislation to make the possibility of alternative service available not just to members of a very limited number of registered religious groups, and also to address in particular the discriminatory length of alternative service. We would also like to know what active measures the State is taking to protect conscientious objectors from reprisals.

We hope we can look forward to a follow-up report touching on all these issues.