

## UZBEKISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND PARTNER

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### ANNOTATION

As a result of the intensification of open and pragmatic policy of Uzbekistan in recent years, the quality of cooperation and partnership with foreign countries and international organizations has reached a new level and achieved high results. Uzbekistan is a strong supporter of dialogue, practical cooperation and strengthening good neighborliness. From the first days of his presidency, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. focused.

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### INTRODUCTION

As a result of the intensification of Uzbekistan's open and pragmatic foreign policy in recent years, the quality of cooperation and partnership with foreign countries and international organizations has risen to a new level and achieved high results.

Today, Uzbekistan gives priority to the Central Asian region in its foreign policy. That's the decent thing to do, and it should end there.

Located in the heart of Central Asia, Uzbekistan has a direct interest in making the region a region of stability, prosperity and good neighborliness. A peaceful, economically developed Central Asia is the region we aspire to. Uzbekistan is a strong supporter of dialogue, practical cooperation and strengthening good neighborliness. From the first days of his presidency, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. drew. We remain committed to pursuing an open, friendly and pragmatic policy with our closest neighbors - Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, "Mirziyoyev said. In a short period of time, a new era of good neighborly relations between the Central Asian states and Afghanistan has begun, and the problems of our peoples have been alleviated together forever. All the regional and global, inevitable problems in the region are beginning to be resolved. The eternal bonds of friendship between the fraternal peoples have further developed. It can be called the beginning of a new historical period in Uzbek-Tajik relations. Diplomatic relations were established between the two countries in 1992, and more than a hundred intergovernmental and interdepartmental agreements have been signed between them. The Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighborliness and Cooperation of January 4, 1993 and the Treaty of Eternity of June 15, 2000 have historically proved to us that the independence of these two peoples is eternal. At one time, large states and even third powers tried to use it for their own purposes, and they soon succeeded. As the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan IA Karimov rightly noted, "In Tajikistan, the only goal is to use the sacred religion of Islam to achieve the interests of evil people and forces.

In a short period of time, the good neighborly relations between our peoples were severed, and this led to the level of conflict between our states.

- A set of issues related to the construction and commissioning of Rogun HPP;
- Border and territorial issues;
- establishment of transport links and development of economic relations in general;
- facilitation of joint actions;
- Take steps to build trust.

In 2009, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan clashed over the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant. As a result, the budget began to affect all sectors. After the civil war in Tajikistan in 1992, Uzbekistan closed rail services between the two countries, allowing only transit traffic. In 2011, Uzbekistan closed all train services. According to world politicians, the Cold War has broken out in Central Asia, and other major powers have sought to use it to their advantage. The point is that all the outside forces that took advantage of the situation drew attention to it. As a result, relations between the two countries have cooled. In fact, the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant is very beneficial for the four countries on the banks of the Amu Darya - Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. no. Central Asia is one of the most waterlogged regions in the world. Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are rich in water, as they are the source of the largest rivers in Central Asia. Downstream, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan are the main consumers of water. The peoples of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan are closely linked by centuries-old friendship and good neighborliness, a common religion, a common culture and traditions. A new era of relations between our countries began in 2016. Thanks to the political will and far-sighted policy of the Presidents, in recent years the multifaceted cooperation between our countries has reached a new level, the friendship of our peoples has been strengthened.

The exchange of delegations at various levels between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan has intensified. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev will pay a state visit to Tajikistan on March 9-10, 2018 at the invitation of President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon. Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

The Presidents signed a joint statement on strengthening friendship and good neighborliness, an agreement on separate sections of the Uzbek-Tajik border. Trade, economy, investment, finance, transport, transit, agriculture A total of 27 documents aimed at developing cooperation in the fields of water and energy, taxation, customs, tourism, science and education, health, culture, security and crime, as well as interregional ties were signed. The introduction of visa-free travel for up to 30 days for citizens, the resumption of the operation of border checkpoints, starting from March 1, 2017, 9 checkpoints between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan The operation of all checkpoints has been fully restored nib serves our people at a high level. In addition, in April 2017, after a 25-year hiatus, Uzbekistan Airways resumed flights between Dushanbe and Tashkent.

The Rogun project, which has been one of the most problematic among our countries, has been resolved as a result of the prudent policy of our Presidents. It was agreed to build two hydropower plants on the Tajik side of the Zarafshan River and to build hydropower plants by

companies from both countries. These hydropower plants are expected to have a capacity of 300 megawatts.

"I have said many times in many forums, in international circles, especially at the United Nations: 'We will never leave our neighbors without water,' said Tajik President Emomali Rahmon. It is a historical fact that it is not said in vain. Our countries have been cooperating effectively in the framework of international organizations such as the UN, SCO, CIS. The views of the parties on issues of regional and international significance are similar or close. In particular, the parties are cooperating effectively with the international community to ensure stability in neighboring Afghanistan.

In conclusion, the wise policy pursued by Presidents Sh. M. Mirziyoyev and I. Rahmon is supported not only between our two peoples, but also by the peoples of Central Asia. The countries of the world welcome the fact that the solution of all problems and conflicts in the region is only mutual trust and partnership, given the rapid development of relations between our countries in the short term. Caronavirus Epidemic (Covid-19)

At a time when our peoples are relying on each other, our countries are cooperating to prevent the spread of this epidemic in the region. The fact that the state of Uzbekistan sent to Tajikistan in April 2020 the necessary equipment in the fight against caranovirus as humanitarian aid is a sign that the catastrophe between the two peoples is not yours. the stability of the sinister policy was maintained. Despite the severe pandemic, the Republic of Uzbekistan has contributed to improving the epidemiological situation in the region by delivering humanitarian and humanitarian aid to neighboring countries. At the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, food supplies to neighboring Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan humanitarian aid was delivered from products and medical supplies. As a result, we have overcome this disaster together and in 2021 we have entered a new era of development and cooperation.

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