
THE LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW EDITION OF THE CONSTITUTION

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Abstract:	Keywords
<p>This article analyzes the new edition of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the legal foundations of its adoption, and its significance in the life of the state and society. It also examines issues related to ensuring human rights and freedoms, strengthening the principles of a social state, and expanding constitutional guarantees for citizens.</p>	<p>Constitution, rule of law, human rights, civil society, social state, constitutional reforms, supremacy of law.</p>

Introduction

The Constitution serves as the legal foundation of every independent state. It defines the structure of the state, the activities of government institutions, the rights and obligations of citizens, and the main directions of social development. The new edition of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan was adopted as a logical continuation of the large-scale democratic reforms being implemented in the country. This document recognizes human interests as the highest value and has initiated a new stage in the development of the state and society.

One of the most significant features of the new Constitution is the substantial expansion of provisions concerning human rights and freedoms. The Constitution enshrines the individual, his or her life, dignity, honor, and rights as the highest values. This means that the primary purpose of state institutions is to ensure and protect the rights and interests of citizens. The Constitution also explicitly defines Uzbekistan as a social state. This provision imposes important obligations on the government, including ensuring a decent standard of living for the population, strengthening social protection, and improving the quality of education and healthcare services. As a result, the social rights of citizens have been further reinforced.

By guaranteeing the inviolability of private property, the new Constitution has established a solid legal basis for the development of a market economy. Provisions aimed at supporting entrepreneurial activities, protecting property rights, and improving the investment climate serve as important factors for economic growth. Furthermore, special attention has been given to ensuring the independence of the judiciary. Strengthening the principles of fair trial contributes significantly to restoring violated rights and ensuring the rule of law. Judicial independence is one of the fundamental characteristics of a democratic legal state. The Constitution also pays considerable attention to environmental safety and environmental protection. Rational use of natural resources, addressing ecological

challenges, and preserving a healthy environment for future generations are identified as priority responsibilities of the state. Another important aspect of the new Constitution is the enhancement of the role of civil society institutions. Providing broader opportunities for non-governmental non-profit organizations, mass media, and self-governing bodies of citizens contributes to the development of a democratic society.

The principle of the separation of powers has been further improved in the new Constitution. The balanced functioning of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches is considered a crucial condition for democratic governance. This principle prevents the concentration of power in a single institution and promotes effective mechanisms of oversight over government activities. Consequently, transparency, accountability, and openness in public administration are strengthened.

Special attention is also given to youth issues. The rights of young people to education, professional training, scientific activity, and creativity have been expanded. The state assumes significant responsibilities for developing the intellectual potential of youth, fostering patriotism, and ensuring their active participation in social life. This contributes to the formation of a competitive and highly qualified workforce for the future.

The issue of gender equality is also reflected in the new Constitution. Equal rights and opportunities for men and women are guaranteed at the constitutional level. Provisions aimed at expanding women's participation in political, economic, and social life represent an important factor in building a democratic society. At the same time, the state's obligations regarding the protection of the family, motherhood, and childhood have been strengthened. The reinforcement of guarantees related to housing rights is another significant achievement of the new Constitution. No one may be deprived of their home except in cases prescribed by law. These provisions aimed at protecting property owners' rights serve as an important legal basis for safeguarding the legitimate interests of citizens. Constitutional guarantees of labor rights have also been expanded. Every citizen is guaranteed the right to decent working conditions, fair remuneration, and protection against unemployment. The prohibition of all forms of forced labor complies with international standards for the protection of human rights and contributes to the further improvement of labor relations in the country.

In addition to strengthening the legal foundation of state and social development, the new Constitution also expands citizens' participation in public administration. Constitutional guarantees of the rights to submit appeals, obtain information, and exercise public oversight positively influence the development of democratic values. Therefore, the new Constitution is regarded as one of the most important political and legal documents for building a rule-of-law state and a strong civil society.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the new edition of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan is a significant legal document that defines a new stage in the country's development. It incorporates provisions aimed at protecting human rights, ensuring social justice,

strengthening the rule of law, and developing democratic institutions. Therefore, the new Constitution serves not only the interests of the present generation but also provides a solid legal foundation for future generations.

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