

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OFFICIAL VISITS IN THE RELATIONS OF UZBEKISTAN AND BELARUS

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Abstract: This article is about the official visits and meetings of the heads of state in conducting diplomatic relations between the countries of Uzbekistan and Belarus. The article focuses on official meetings between the leaders of the two countries from 1991 to 2022 and their specific aspects and achievements.

Keywords: official meeting, state visit, delegation, negotiation.

Introduction:

In the foreign policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, special importance has been attached to the establishment and development of bilateral cooperation with the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations. Uzbekistan also took an active part in the formation of the inter-regional bank and other economic structures of the commonwealth. "Developing direct and multilateral relations with the countries forming the Commonwealth of Independent States," said I.A. Karimov, "is one of the priorities of our foreign policy."

The first President of Uzbekistan I.A. Karimov paid great attention to the cooperation within the CIS and defined the participation of Uzbekistan in the CIS in the following cases. - The possibility that the deepening of relations between the newly independent states, formed over many years, may lead to confusion in the international arena; The fact that the republic's economy was formed within the framework of the former common union economic space with a unified transport and energy system, and that, in the years of independence, the disconnection of the relations of the countries within the CIS may lead to a decrease in production volumes; - Keeping open borders in the CIS countries plays an important role in ensuring socio-economic stability and harmony in inter-ethnic relations in the republic; - Mutual cooperation of young independent states is considered an important factor for maintaining their position in the international status;

As Uzbekistan began to strengthen inter-regional economic relations in cooperation with the CIS countries, it approached from the point of view of not infringing on the political independence of the country.

Methodology:

Since the early years of independence, the Republic of Uzbekistan has established foreign policy in a sovereign manner, and has actively engaged in international relations. In addition to becoming a member of international organizations, he began to effectively organize bilateral diplomatic relations with developed, fraternal, former allied and close neighboring countries. The official visit of the heads of state is of incomparable importance in establishing and strengthening cooperation relations with the states. Therefore, since 1991, the leadership of

Uzbekistan, along with making official trips to foreign countries, has received official visits of leaders of other countries in Uzbekistan and started conducting negotiations.

Research results:

Since the first years of independence, Uzbekistan has been maintaining strong trade and economic relations with Belarus. As Uzbekistan and Belarus are interested in establishing friendly relations and supporting their regular development, they have begun to form legal aspects of cooperation.

Therefore, during the official state visit of S. Shushkevich to the Republic of Uzbekistan on November 6, 1991, the Chairman of the Legislative Body of the Republic of Belarus (the head of state at that time) laid the foundation stone for official relations between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Belarus. On the same day, an agreement was signed with the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the foundations of relations between the Republic of Belarus" and "On the establishment of a joint intergovernmental commission on bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Belarus".[1] The agreement stipulates equality, respect, non-interference in the internal affairs of the two countries, refraining from the use of force, settlement of conflicts, disputes and other issues between the two countries through negotiation, as well as conducting diplomatic relations based on the generally recognized norms of international law, reflected the need for development. The agreement stipulates respect for the rights of the peoples living in the two countries to choose the path of political and socio-economic development.[2]

On October 6, 2016, the President of Belarus A. Lukashenko paid a visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan.[3] During the visit, he met with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, in the city of Samarkand. Many aspects of friendly relations between Uzbekistan and Belarus were discussed at the meeting of the heads of state. The decline of relations compared to previous years and its reasons were discussed. During the negotiations, the head of the Republic of Belarus made an offer to organize an official meeting between the two countries.

At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko paid an official visit to Uzbekistan on September 12-14, 2018.[9] The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko signed a joint statement on the negotiations held in Koksaroy. Also, a number of bilaterally important documents were signed between the governments and ministries of the two countries.

In particular, the agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the Academies of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Belarus;

Agreement on interdepartmental cooperation between the Davergeodezkadastr Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Property Committee of the Republic of Belarus;

Agreement between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Forensic Expertise Committee of the Republic of Belarus on cooperation in the field of interdepartmental forensic-medical activities;

Agreement between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus on interdepartmental cooperation in the field of health and medical science; Agreement on interdepartmental cooperation in the field of culture between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus; Agreement on interdepartmental cooperation in the field of higher education between the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus;

Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus on interdepartmental economic and scientific-technical cooperation in the field of agriculture;

Agreement between the Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus in the field of intergovernmental science and technology;

Agreement between the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus on cooperation and mutual assistance in intergovernmental customs affairs and an agreement on the system of intergovernmental trade facilitation;

Agreement on the development of interstate military-technical cooperation between the State Committee for Defense Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Military Industry Committee of the Republic of Belarus;

Protocol on amendments and additions to the intergovernmental agreement on international road transport between the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus;

Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus on the program of consultations between the ministries of foreign affairs for 2019-2020 and the agreement on cooperation in the field of intergovernmental industrial property protection. [9]

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting with the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko on April 25, 2019 at the residence reserved for him in Beijing.[8] It was specially noted that the official visit of the President of Belarus to Uzbekistan last year opened a new page in the history of bilateral relations, brought them to a higher level in terms of quality and enriched them with practical content. At the meeting, the progress of the implementation of previously reached agreements was discussed in detail. The presidents noted with satisfaction that the volume of trade between the two countries is increasing rapidly. Together with "Amkodor", "MAZ", "MTZ" and other leading companies of Belarus, cooperation projects are successfully implemented in various branches

of industry. Exchanges between the regions of our countries have become more active. Effective cooperation is being implemented in the field of science, technology and education. Strong mutual trust between the states and a determined mutual desire to achieve practical results of cooperation opens wide opportunities for its further development. Today, it was noted that our countries have the necessary potential for this.

At the meeting, the issues of expanding mutual trade, implementation of joint programs and projects in the fields of engineering, agriculture, food industry, information technology, medicine, pharmaceuticals, tourism, development of cooperation in education, culture and other areas were discussed.

On August 1, 2019, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev paid an official visit to Minsk at the invitation of the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko. At high-level talks, discussions were held on the state and prospects of cooperation between the two countries in political, trade-economic, investment, cultural-humanitarian and other spheres, as well as on current issues of regional and international importance.[7] At the meeting, special attention was paid to the issues of expansion of trade and economic relations, development of industrial cooperation and interregional cooperation. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that the volume of trade has increased fourfold in the next two years, and it is necessary to maintain this pace and further expand the trade turnover. For this, it was noted the importance of establishing direct contacts between product suppliers, regularly organizing business forums and exhibitions, using available resources as much as possible, and covering all areas of mutually beneficial cooperation. "The intergovernmental commission on bilateral cooperation should thoroughly analyze trade flows and develop specific proposals on how to accelerate the volume of trade," said Shavkat Mirziyoyev. [7]

Alexander Lukashenko noted that cooperation between Belarus and Uzbekistan is not limited to just friendly relations. The multifaceted program of the visit of the head of our state is a clear confirmation of the mutual desire to develop communication in all directions. "Uzbekistan has made great progress in the diversification of the economy, new sectors such as automobile industry, oil and gas chemical industry, agricultural machinery production have been established. Belarus is ready to expand economic cooperation with Uzbekistan by implementing joint investment projects," Alexander Lukashenko said.[7]

On November 1, 2019, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, Sergey Rumas, who was in our capital within the framework of the meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. At the meeting, it was noted that both sides are interested in expanding mutual cooperation and promoting promising cooperation projects in various sectors of the economy, as well as strengthening interregional relations and cultural-humanitarian exchange.[6]

Conclusions:

High-level meetings and negotiations between the heads of state of Uzbekistan and Belarus will discuss a wide range of bilateral cooperation issues, strengthen and develop political dialogue, trade-economic, investment, science and education, cultural-humanitarian and other mutually beneficial cooperation. serves to determine the main directions for the long-term perspective. Also, wide-scale issues of bilateral cooperation between Uzbekistan and Belarus will be discussed. It will contribute to the strengthening of political dialogue between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Belarus, consistent development of relations in mutually beneficial areas.

Exchange of opinions on international and regional processes allows reaching common conclusions. The positions of the parties on current issues of international relations are studied and mutually discussed. Current aspects of cooperation within the framework of the United Nations, the Commonwealth of Independent States and other international organizations will be reviewed.

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