

Reform of Strategy in Ensuring International Peace and Religious Tolerance in Uzbekistan

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Abstract

This article analyzes the views on the strategy of reforms in ensuring interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in Uzbekistan. The article also contains opinions on changes in the global geopolitical arena, the growing process of globalization and the constant awareness of the world community about the maintenance of peace and stability. In such difficult conditions, maintaining peace, stability and strengthening independence remains one of the priorities of each country. Today, an effective fight against internal and external threats and dangers in the field of spirituality, strengthening ideological immunity in society, strengthening the atmosphere of mutual respect, friendship and harmony between representatives of different nationalities and religions in our country. Particular emphasis is placed on the priority task of public policy.

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Introduction. Today, changes in the world geopolitical arena, the growing escalation of globalization processes necessitate serious thinking about peace, regular awareness of the world community in maintaining stability. Humanity has the right to live in a completely different environment, in a new way, in a situation where there is a demand and risks and threats that have not been observed before. Such processes, which are rapidly raging in the world, have a serious impact on all aspects of social life, including both in the spiritual and educational spheres. In such complex conditions, the preservation of peace, stability, the strengthening of independence remain one of the priorities facing each state. Today, effective work is being carried out in our country on the systematic organization of spiritual and educational work aimed at a specific goal. Especially in this regard, our country requires serious thinking about increasing the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work, effective fight against internal and external threats and dangers in the field of spirituality, strengthening ideological immunity in society. In the context of globalization, security and stability are becoming more important. Especially in this regard, a positive attitude towards the state of interethnic harmony and inter-confessional cooperation laid the foundation for the beginning of a new era in the development of our country. Increasing the atmosphere of interethnic harmony, inter-confessional cooperation in the development of tolerance and humanitarian culture

inherent in our people plays an important role in educating our citizens, in particular, the younger generation in the spirit of selfless and devotion to the native Motherland. In turn, these factors have been identified as one of the most important priorities of state policy in Uzbekistan. According to the decree of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev dated February 7, 2017 «On the strategy of actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan»¹ in 2017-2021, the fifth priority of the strategy of actions in the five priority areas of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan is to ensure security, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance, it is necessary to ensure religious tolerance and inter-confessional cooperation in strengthening the independence of our state and the international prestige of our country. It is these factors that provide the basis for the development of the country and the development of the motherland by ensuring peace, stability, interethnic harmony, religious tolerance on a global scale in the world. It is known from history that representatives of Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Christianity, monotheism and Islam have long lived in our country in mutual grace and peace. In particular, in many cities, which are considered cultural centers in our country, mosques, churches, synagogues functioned. In these holy places, nationalities and nationalities of different religions performed their religious rites freely. Consequently, this situation can also be seen on the example of the relationship between all nations and nations that currently live in our country and profess different religions. History testifies to the fact that in the processes of the Republic of Uzbekistan's declaration of independence there were no conflicts on a religious basis among representatives of all religions in strengthening the foundations of peace and sustainable development by ensuring interethnic harmony, religious tolerance.

About this, President Sh. Mirziyoyev noted:»...Our state is a multinational and multi-confessional state. Today, more than 130 representatives of nationalities live in our country as close and gentle as the children of one family. In this regard, it is worthwhile to note how great confidence is embodied in the words» the traditions of tolerance that have long been inherent in our people play an important role»² – it is worthwhile to note how great confidence is embodied in the basis of his words. This circumstance, in turn, testifies to the fact that interethnic harmony, religious tolerance, inter-confessional harmony in Uzbekistan are a rare symbol of striving and solidarity, a positive example of tolerance towards representatives of all religions. In the decree of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 19, 2017 «On measures to further improve interethnic relations and friendly relations with foreign countries», the development of tolerance and humanitarian culture from the first years of Independence, Strengthening interethnic and confessional solidarity, civil harmony in society, creating equal rights and opportunities for all citizens regardless of nationality and religious, Education in the spirit of love and loyalty to the motherland has been defined as one of the important priorities of state policy in Uzbekistan. The decree also indicates that raising the culture of tolerance and humanity in society, ensuring interethnic and confessional harmony, harmony of citizens, as well as strengthening friendly, equal and mutually beneficial relations with foreign countries is one of the priorities of Uzbekistan's state policy. It should be noted that the existing religions of the world in their essence embody good, peace, goodness, friendship and creative ideas. Religion in particular encourages people to honesty and purity, compassion, brotherhood and tolerance. In particular, the religions of Islam and Christianity promote moral norms that embody humanitarian ideas: generosity, compassion, honesty, purity of heart, courage and solemnity. In one of the world religions, Christianity promotes those who profess it on the basis of religious and moral ideas, such as being kind, giving the right word, helping those who are oppressed and hard-working, hard work, living in harmony. Hence, in all world religions, the issue of religious tolerance is instilled both through Universal and religious – moral qualities³. In this way, religion began to appear as one of the most effective ways to influence the minds of human beings. In turn, religious teachings helped people to overcome trials, problems and difficulties in life by consolidating trust in people by influencing culture and spirituality in the life of any society. Today, more than 130 nationalities and nationalities live in harmony with each other in our country. Religious organizations belonging to 16

¹ On the strategy of actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan. <http://uza.uz/oz/documents/zbekiston-respublikasini-yanada-rivozhlantirish-b-yicha-arak-07-02-2017>

² Speech of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the conference on "Ensuring social stability, preserving the purity of our sacred religion – the demand of the era". Justice 2017. № 24. B.1-2-3 3

³ Sayyora Saidova. Inter-national harmony and religious tolerance. Imam Bukhari lessons. 2016 year. №3. B-36.

denominations operate freely in our country. In turn, there are all opportunities for these confessions to carry out their activities and actively participate in the life of the country. Training in state educational institutions is conducted in 7 languages. The National Broadcasting Company of Uzbekistan is preparing broadcasts and broadcasts in 12 languages. 138 national cultural centers play a leading role in the development of ethnic identity and further harmonization of interethnic relations in our country. They develop their culture, language, crafts, make a significant contribution to mutually enriching each other, strengthening the feeling of a single multinational family. Also, the Council of Societies of friendship and cultural and educational relations with foreign countries, 34 friendship societies successfully operate in Uzbekistan. It should be noted that increasing the atmosphere of interethnic harmony, religious tolerance, friendship and solidarity prevailing in our country, in turn, plays an important role in further enhancing Uzbekistan's reputation in the international arena by ensuring peace and stability.

Materials and methods. Today it is important to ensure peace and development in Uzbekistan. Representatives of all religions are equally interested in the impact of calm, peace, stability and well-being in the Republic. In turn, the state promotes the establishment of mutual compromise and respect between citizens who profess and do not profess different religions, religious organizations belonging to different faiths, and does not allow religious and other fanaticism, as well as extremism, actions aimed at contrasting and aggravating relations, inculcating enmity between different denominations. When we think about this, our state is right Sh. Mirziyoyev noted: «...currently, interethnic and interreligious tension is growing in different regions of the world, nationalism, religious intolerance is growing. These vices erode the state, disintegrating society, becoming a base of ideology for radical groups and currents. In such a difficult situation, it is becoming increasingly important for us to further strengthen friendship and harmony between people of different nationalities and religions in our country. Without a doubt, it serves as a solid guarantee of peace and tranquility on our land, as the basis for increasing the creative potential of our people, his confidence in tomorrow»⁴, – the statement said. The provision of relations of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in Uzbekistan in particular, first of all, creates the basis for the formation of mutual cooperation and solidarity between representatives of different religions by preventing interfaith conflicts. This factor directly serves the peace and development of the country, the development of universal culture and spirituality. In the Republic, the state supports peace and harmony between religious denominations. Actions aimed at introducing believers in one religious denomination into another (proselytism), as well as any other missionary activity, are prohibited. Separately, it is indicated that persons guilty of violation of this rule are subject to liability established by law. This was stated by the former archbishop of Tashkent and Central Asia Vladimir (Ikim): «unfortunately, the forces trying to falsify our religions at the same time threaten peace, unity of our people, prosperity in Central Asia. These are fanaticism, proselytism, extremism, false religious politics. These evil forces distort the basis of our religions in the mask of representatives of both Christian and Muslim religions. Their goal is to break down society, bring spiritual self-control, interreligious and interethnic conflicts»⁵ he noted. Consequently, strengthening the atmosphere of religious tolerance for representatives of all religions in Uzbekistan plays an important role, first of all, in ensuring mutual unity, harmony and Grace between the citizens of our country. The ideas of the German specialist, doctor of philosophy and history Gert – Ryudiger Vegmarskhauz are very valuable who participated in the international scientific-practical conference On November 12, 2014, on «inter-confessional dialogue and religious tolerance-a guarantee of the stability of society» organized in Tashkent Islamic University in cooperation with Tashkent Islamic University, Committee on Religious Affairs, UNESCO representative office in Uzbekistan. The German scientist, included: «I was attracted by the fact that the topic of this conference was also devoted to a very relevant topic. Because the political processes taking place in the world are caused by one of the main causes of bloody conflicts – the contradictions of people who profess different religions in religious worldviews. Therefore, if the peoples of the other world

⁴ Interethnic friendship and solidarity is an important factor in the peace and prosperity of our people. Speech of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the meeting dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Republican International Cultural Center. Folk word January 25, 2017. №18

⁵ Vladimir (Ikim). The flowering of spirituality. Independence and Interfaith Harmony // democratization and Human Rights.1999. №3-4. P 41.

were as tolerant as the inhabitants of Uzbekistan, the solution to such conflicts would be the solution. I think that the policy pursued in your country in terms of religion is very correct, and I always support Uzbekistan's aspirations for peace.»⁶ - he said, noting that the work we are doing in this regard in our country is highly focused. In his congratulatory letter on the occasion of Independence Day, Metropolitan Vikentiy noted that religious tolerance and interethnic harmony prevailing in Uzbekistan are one of the main factors of peace and stability in the country: «Religious tolerance and interethnic harmony undoubtedly serve as a factor of peace and stability in the Republic of Uzbekistan. He also noted that the role of religion in society is growing, the same attention is paid to different religions, which opens the way for their active participation in the work of spiritual education»⁷ – it should be noted that the work carried out in our country on religious tolerance and inter-confessional cooperation is positively recognized worldwide. It should also be noted that the role of religion in society is growing, the same emphasis on different religions opens the way for their active participation in the work of spiritual education, and the work carried out in our country on religious tolerance and inter-confessional cooperation is positively recognized worldwide. It should be noted that the above-mentioned points are positively recognized in the world by the work carried out in our country on religious tolerance and inter-confessional cooperation. As a positive effect of the policy of reasonable government carried out by Uzbekistan in our country today, it is a vivid confirmation of our opinion that representatives of all religious denominations freely fulfill their religious traditions and customs and rituals in our country. «The atmosphere of mutual tolerance, kindness, goodness in our society serves to strengthen peace and tranquility, prosperity»⁸ - emphasizes the late bishop of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church Korney Vibe. In turn K.Vibe emphasizes in his opinion that representatives of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church have been living freely on the territory of Uzbekistan for a hundred years and are extremely pleased with the attention paid by our state to the religious sphere and believers in fulfilling their prayers and traditions. In this regard, we would like to thank the leadership of our state very much, he expressed his sincere thoughts. In turn, these positive points were also mentioned by Renate Lener, the referent of the extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the German republic to Uzbekistan on political and social issues. Renate Lener said: «I have witnessed that Uzbekistan is a Democratic state that has advanced much further in the economic and social spheres than we think, which can serve as an example for many other Eastern countries in real terms. I was delighted that the conference was devoted to the topic of religious tolerance. Seeing here that representatives of different religions – Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim, Jews-communicate with each other as if they were close relatives, brothers, I practically witnessed that Uzbekistan's policy in the religious sphere is correct and fair. I was in Muslim countries with an official visit even before.

Results. But I have not seen representatives of different religions walking in a free and calm state, as happy as in Uzbekistan»⁹ – it is especially noteworthy. Also, about this conference, Maria Laura Conte, director of the Italian Center for Interreligious Dialogue «In the age of Christian and Muslim civilisation» said: «I seem to find the main reason for peace and harmony in Uzbekistan. This is when the state and the people want peace and harmony in your country. I am infinitely grateful to you for inviting me to a conference and allowing you to get to know such a unique and wonderful country better»¹⁰ - the expert notes. In turn, the extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Vatican State to Russia, Archbishop I, who participated in this conference Yurkovich emphasizes that in our country he was positively impressed by the policy pursued by the Government of Uzbekistan in relation to inter-confessional dialogue and religious tolerance. About this I.Yurkovich stated: «We have witnessed with our own eyes the contribution of religious organizations in Uzbekistan to the development of society. It will be possible to achieve prosperity only as a result of such syncopity, that is, the result of the fact that state and religious organizations support one another in two ways. And this action can be seen on the example of Uzbekistan»¹¹ and shares his positive thoughts. The president of our country Mirziyoyev noted: «It is the sacred

⁶ «Inter-confessional dialogue and religious tolerance-a guarantee of the stability of society». 12 news.uz .

⁷ <https://kun.uz/2015/08/21/mitropolit-vikentiy-diniy-bagrikenglik-ozbekistonda-tinchlik-va-barqarorlik/>

⁸ Tolerance is an important factor in peace and progress. Marifat (Enlightenment). November 15, 2014. №92 (8741)

⁹ «Inter-confessional dialogue and religious tolerance-a guarantee of the stability of society” . 12 news.uz

¹⁰ «Inter-confessional dialogue and religious tolerance-a guarantee of the stability of society” . 12 news.uz

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duty of every person who knows Uzbekistan as his homeland, to be more alert, to preserve the unity and unity of our multi-ethnic people, who are our main wealth and whom we are rightly proud of, and to strengthen further. Only in this way can we effectively counter all the threats and dangers of today, create a strong immunity to various destructive ideas in our society, achieve even more significant results on the path of democratic development of our choice. It is worth noting how great the truth is embodied in this issue, which is most important to us, from now on, «We will give priority, including all the necessary work to support the activities of national cultural centers in a practical way.» бажарамиз¹². It is these factors that play an important role in ensuring mutual unity, harmony and unity between the citizens of our country by enhancing the atmosphere of interethnic harmony and inter-confessional cooperation in Uzbekistan. Today it is known to everyone that it is not surprising that such problems as international terrorism, radicalism, bigotry, extremism are of serious concern to the world public. The idea of promoting enlightenment in ensuring interethnic harmony and inter-confessional cooperation in the fight against extremism, international terrorism, especially on a global scale, has always been called President Sh. Mirziyoyev is becoming the main subject of international speeches and lectures. In his speeches our president Mirziyoyev's initiatives are being implemented by our state in order to eliminate the current problems facing the world community. The initiative and progressive ideas in this area are today the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan. It is also promoted worldwide by Mirziyoyev. In the current delicate and, at the same time, extremely complex conditions, it is important to fight enlightenment in ensuring interethnic harmony and inter-confessional cooperation. The idea of promoting enlightenment in the fight against extremism, international terrorism and bigotry, which give rise to ignorance, has become the main topic on a global scale today. In his speech at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly on September 19, 2017, the head of state emphasized that the threats of terrorism in the world are growing, especially in recent years, the method of combating them through the use of force does not justify itself, in this regard, it is not the main reasons that often pose threats, but he emphasized that they are limited only to the fight against their consequences, and the root of international terrorism and extremism, along with other factors, is formed by ignorance and intolerance. «The main objective of this document is to ensure everyone's right to education, to facilitate the elimination of illiteracy and ignorance,» the president of our country appealed with a proposal to adopt a special resolution of the UN General Assembly called «Enlightenment and religious tolerance». This resolution aims to resolve tolerance and mutual respect, to ensure religious freedom, to protect the right of those who profess, to help prevent their discrimination. We know that it is in this that the decisive condition for the successful implementation of the most important priority tasks, the main goal of the reforms carried out in our country, which is to ensure a person, his needs and interests, is embodied¹³ he emphasized. It is especially recognized that the reforms carried out in this area in our country today are an example for other countries on a global scale. It is worth noting that a special resolution entitled «**Enlightenment and religious tolerance**» was adopted at the plenary session of the UN General Assembly on December 12, 2018. President of the Republic of Azerbaijan It can be mentioned as a practical expression of the initiative that Mirziyoyev put forward at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly in September 2017 in New York City. This is noted by the opinion expressed by the UN Permanent coordinator in Uzbekistan, permanent representative of the UN Development Program Helena Fraser: the resolution «Enlightenment and religious tolerance» was unanimously adopted by the UN member states. 51 states supported the idea of a constructive proposal put forward by Uzbekistan, that is, strengthening the culture of spiritual tolerance in relation to all existing religions in the world. Because this resolution, along with tolerance, is significant in that it serves as a priority for global peace and prosperity, promoting the principle of strengthening cultural and religious knowledge¹⁴ his interpretation is especially clear confirmation that the work carried out in this regard in our country is at a high level. Positive feedback on this situation was expressed by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the people's Republic of Bangladesh in Uzbekistan Mosud Mannon: «The Republic of Bangladesh has always been a supporter

¹² Interethnic friendship and solidarity is an important factor in the peace and prosperity of our people. Speech of the president of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the meeting dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Republican International Cultural Center. Xalk suzi. January 25, 2017. №18

¹³ President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev delivered a speech at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly <http://uza.uz/oz/politics/zbekiston-prezidenti-shavkat-mirziyev-bmt-bosh-assambleyasi-20-09-2017>

¹⁴ Initiative recognized by the world. <http://www.uza.uz/oz/politics/dunye-etirof-etgan-tashabbsaus-17-12-2018>

of peace and harmony, religious tolerance. Therefore, he was one of the first to support the initiative put forward by the head of Uzbekistan. In terms of religious tolerance, Uzbekistan is one of the most exemplary and exemplary countries in the world. During my 5-year scientific activity in Uzbekistan, I did not observe a selfish attitude towards representatives of other religions. On the contrary, representatives of all religions, nationalities and nations live in peace, harmony. This is a sign that as a result of the policy pursued by the president of Uzbekistan, an atmosphere of religious tolerance has settled in the country. Moreover, this issue is due not only to the fact that it is enshrined by laws, but also to the fact that the people of Uzbekistan, many of whom profess Islam, have always been respected in relation to representatives of other religions. The friendliness of people with representatives of different nationalities is formed, first of all, through mutual communication. The adoption of the resolution entitled «**Enlightenment and religious tolerance**» at the UN General Assembly is the result of these positive relations, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Uzbekistan, Mrs. Amani Al - Itr, said:» This important resolution was also supported by Egypt. The point of the same issue between our states is that it is the realization that the religious harmony of Uzbekistan and Egypt plays an important role in the stability of society. I would like to highlight the role of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. Mirziyoyev separately. This was a reasonable initiative of Uzbekistan to find solutions to the complex problems facing the international community»¹⁵ the statement testifies to the high recognition of the policy implemented in our country in this regard on a global scale.

Discussion. Today, changes in the world geopolitical arena, the embrace of globalization processes and the rapid development of modern information technologies are taking a sharp turn in the world. Humanity has the right to live in a completely different environment, a new demand and conditions in which the risks and threats that have not been observed before have been embraced. Such processes, rapidly raging around the world, have a serious impact on all aspects of social life, including the spiritual and educational spheres. An analysis of the sad events taking place in different regions and countries of the world shows that the media, modern information technologies, including the internet system, social networks and electronic publications in most cases become a convenient and fast means of promoting various false, harmful ideas and ideologies in the hands of certain destructive forces. Such threats lay the foundation for the degradation of national and universal values, the root of such vices as violence, human destiny, immaturity, irresponsibility, indifference, impudence, obscenity of society. As a result, it is caused by the fact that humanity is cut off from its historical, religious, national-spiritual roots. This situation has become a common trend in many countries around the world. Education and enlightenment are the main factors in the well-being of mankind. Therefore, the preservation and enrichment of the sources that determine the spiritual world of person, the culture of our people, and the provision of interethnic harmony and inter-confessional cooperation on the basis of the achievements of World Science and experiences of universal development are of urgent importance. Today, Uzbekistan has set itself a new era of national development. This can be seen in the relationship to spirituality, enlightenment, among fundamental changes in all areas. It is especially noteworthy that the reforms carried out in our country in the following years are being carried out in our country in the fight against ignorance, great work is being done to combat enlightenment. In this regard, the establishment of the activities of the Imam Bukhari International Research Center, the Center for Islamic civilisation in Uzbekistan, the Imam Termizi International Research Center, the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan is laying the foundation for the further development of the values and traditions of the holy religion in our country. It is especially noteworthy that the high attention to education, science, culture and enlightenment, the study and appreciation of the heritage of ancestors is highly recognized not only by the population of our country and the region, but also by the world community. Today, Uzbekistan's reforms in the field of human rights and religious freedoms are gaining worldwide recognition. Especially in our country, in the following years, 8 decrees were adopted on pardon of persons who committed crimes, and more than 4 thousand persons were released from places of punishment. At the same time, tremendous work was carried out on the pardon of convicts who sincerely regretted their criminal act and firmly went on the path of recovery and returned them to a free life. A completely new practice is being introduced in our country on the basis of the humanitarian principle. As a result of this, 993 citizens, including 456 young men and 113 women, who got lost on the path of

¹⁵ Initiative recognized by the world. <http://www.uza.uz/oz/politics/dunye-etirof-etgan-tashabbsaus-17-12-2018>

crime and sincerely regretted their actions, were released from punishment with the surety of the Youth Union, neighborhoods and women's committees. As a continuation of these works, it is worth noting that the closure of the penal colony in the Jasliq fortress in 2019 is a practical example of such a humane policy of our state. At the same time, the procedure for paying pensions and social insurance to persons sentenced to imprisonment was introduced into practice for the first time and paid pension money to 709 prisoners of retirement age serving sentences in the address colonies. It should be noted that this is the first step towards ensuring the right of this category of citizens to receive a pension established in our Constitution. At the same time, in the past 2019, humanitarian measures «Mehr-1» and «Mehr-2» were successfully carried out and 261 citizens, mainly women and children from Afghanistan, were brought back to our country and medical and material assistance was provided to them. Speaking about the provision of human rights in Uzbekistan, it should be noted that 9 thousand 692 people were admitted to the citizenship of Uzbekistan in the past three years, including 5 thousand 868 compatriots in 2019, as a positive view of the work on this issue. The work carried out in our country on the formation of a culture of respect for Human Rights and freedoms in society, thereby further enhancing the international prestige of our country is recognized worldwide. This necessitates a more serious thinking about ensuring peace and a peaceful life in our country, being regularly sensitive, ogox and sympathetic. After all, as the head of state noted: «In order not to lag behind the harsh demands of the era, life, we all need to read and learn every day, work on ourselves, constantly increase our knowledge and level. The blood of our great leaders is flowing in our veins. Being worthy followers and followers of our great-grandfathers is both a debt and a necessity for us, I think you all agree with this opinion. To work without sparing himself to prosper his homeland, his native people: this is courage and courage, this is love and devotion to the native land, which means the right upbringing and practical example»¹⁶. After all, it is important to act as one soul in ensuring interethnic harmony and inter-confessional harmony, comprehending the events and phenomena taking place in the world. In such conditions, it is important to pay special attention to the most Avalo, spirituality and enlightenment in maintaining peace, stability. Changes in the world geopolitical arena, the intensification of globalization processes and the rapid development of modern information technologies are taking a sharp turn in the world. Humanity has to live in a completely special environment, a new demand and in conditions of increased risks and threats that have not been observed before.

Conclusions. The analysis of the sad events taking place in different regions and states shows that the media, modern information technology, the internet system, social networks and electronic publications in some cases become a convenient, fast means of promoting harmful ideas and ideologies in the hands of destructive forces. Such threats lay the foundation for the degradation of national and universal values, the root of such vices as violence, human destiny, immaturity, irresponsibility, indifference, impudence, obscenity of society. In such complex conditions, national and universal values: interethnic harmony, preservation of inter-confessional harmony, strengthening independence, ensuring socio-economic stability are one of the priority tasks facing each state. A deep understanding of the ever-changing world landscape and its essence, the mobilization of society as a whole in the fight against emerging threats and dangers will lay the foundation for the future and development of the country. After all, interethnic harmony, inter-confessional Harmony are the main factors in the development of mankind.

. Therefore, the preservation of interethnic harmony, inter-confessional harmony, which determines the spiritual world of person, the culture of our people, plays an important role in the fight against evil, destructive ideas based on the experiences of universal progress. Such noble works carried out in our country serve to further raise the tribute to more than 130 nationalities and elat people living in our country by forming a healthy religious worldview and objective views on religion in the hearts and minds of all our compatriots. In such conditions, it is important to focus on ensuring the most of all, interethnic harmony and inter-confessional harmony in maintaining peace, stability. In conclusion, our president Shavkat Mirziyoyev did not note in vain: «Uzbekistan has always been faithful to its traditions in the field of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance, which goes this

¹⁶ Speech of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the solemn ceremony dedicated to the twenty-eight anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan. <http://uza.uz/oz/politics/prezident-shavkat-mirziyeevning-zbekiston-respublikasi-musta-31-08-2019>

path before never deviating. In our country, the first level of attention is paid to strengthening the atmosphere of mutual respect, friendship and harmony between representatives of different nationalities and religious denominations. This is our greatest wealth and it is our duty to preserve it as a pupil of the eye». After all, the provision of interethnic harmony, inter-confessional harmony inherent in the spirituality of our people plays an important role in the domination of peace and stability in our country, first of all, through the maturation of noble ideas and human qualities in our society.

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