

# The importance of public discussions in improving the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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**Annotation** : This article focuses on constitutional reforms undertaken in the Republic of Uzbekistan, amendments and amendments to the basic law, as well as a new constitutional bill issues such as public discussions. The article outlines scientifically-based proposals and recommendations for the importance of constitutional legislation in public discussions and the further improvement of legislation through foreign experience.

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Constitutional reform is the opinion of our citizens and based on support, the referendum through which, in a sense, expression of the will of our people — will be the Constitution of the real people.  
**Sh.M.Mirziyoyev**

In recent years, there have been fundamental changes in all aspects of society, and reforms in all sectors are being implemented rapidly. Citizens' attitudes are changing, their legal minds are growing, and effective public oversight of government agencies is under way. In such an open civil society, the Constitution and laws should not lag behind the times either.

Only if our Constitution is in harmony with today's realities can it serve as the legal basis for rapid reforms. That is why constitutional reforms are being undertaken in our country. On May 20, 2022, at a joint session of our parliament, a Constitutional Commission was formed in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This commission has worked on amendments and amendments to the basic law, and the proposals and opinions of citizens have been studied. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) Jehovah's Witnesses would be pleased to discuss these answers with you.

In a speech to the National Assembly on December 22, 2017, our **country's administrator said: "We should not all forget one truth: one source and author of the law must literally be a people."** <sup>1</sup>Public discussions on improving the K constitution are continuing to be heated.

Public discussions were held in several ways, meetings, conferences, roundtables were organized. In addition, in order to accept the invitations of citizens online, the meningkonstitutsiyam.uz portal, Telegram-bot, and a call-center were established, and invitations and opinions from citizens were accepted. During the discussions organized online, citizens received **62,336** different offers through the meningkonstitutsiyam.uz portal, **18,368** via telegram, **5,376** through the call center, and **4,736** in other forms.<sup>2</sup>

Online public discussions have received the following suggestions from citizens through the Meningkonstitutsiyam.uz portal:

- further strengthen the protection of human rights and freedoms, dignity and dignity;
- establish that citizens have equal rights to enter public service;
- strengthening the system of social protection for the population, including determining whether the state will protect citizens from unemployment and take steps to reduce poverty;

<sup>1</sup> Uzbekistan Republic Presidents Mirziyoyev Sh.M.ning December 22, 2017 Uzbekistan Republic High Majlisiga Murojaatnomasi. // <https://president.uz/uz/lists/view/1371>

<sup>2</sup> <https://meningkonstitutsiyam.uz/>

- Introducing rules in the Constitution that entail high respect for the teacher's profession and their social protection;
- further development of the institute of civil society and public oversight;
- Strengthening in the Constitution that obstructing or interfering with the activities of the media and journalists will result in liability in accordance with the law;
- ensuring a fair trial and further improving the independence of the judiciary;
- further democratization of public administration.

In accordance with the proposals made by our people, a constitutional bill was drafted **"to amend and amend the Constitution of the United States."**

To this day, the Constitutional Bill aims to change the principle of "state-to-society-human" that has been implemented before as **"human-society-state,"** or, above all, to put human interests above all else.

As U.S. President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev pointed out in an address to the Supreme Court and the people of Uzbekistan on December 20, 2022, we need to deepen the idea of **"first man, then society and state"** both in our Constitution and laws and in our daily lives.<sup>3</sup>

One of the most important amendments to the new project is the introduction of a standard that states that less than a hundred thousand citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who have the right to vote in Article 83 of the Constitution have the right to submit legislative proposals to the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This standard is also strengthened in the legislation of developed foreign countries.

For example, according to the Swiss Constitution, citizens of this country are authorized to propose draft laws that must be considered in parliament. Citizens have the right to a legislative initiative that must be considered by the state. Its contents include proposing a bill that must be considered compulsorily by parliament, which has the right to make any decision, such as changing or rejecting the draft. At the same time, the Swiss Constitution contains a special standard for this system, under which the initiative is implemented by submitting proposals for the improvement of existing laws or introducing a draft policy-making document developed by citizens into parliament. The collective initiative will be taken to the attention of all citizens and put to the voice of all citizens. The Federal Assembly recommends accepting or rejecting the initiative. The above Constitutional Norm shows that the state has all forms of public oversight.<sup>4</sup>

It should also be noted that according to the Public Awareness Act of 2011 in Switzerland, all draft regulations will be delivered to the public and discussed until they are approved by parliament. The above law also shows that no draft document in Swiss law should be implemented without agreement with the public.<sup>5</sup>

Of course, the norm of the right of citizens to legislative initiative being introduced into the new constitutional bill is also a pleasure. However, this standard needs to be clarified, and the following are proposed to improve the new Constitutional Bill and applicable law on public initiative and public consultation:

**First, the** Constitutional Bill proposes to introduce a standard for introducing public proposals to the Supreme Court to amend or amend applicable policy-making documents contained in the legislation of foreign countries.

**Second,** it is proposed to introduce standards for organizing public discussions of existing draft laws in Swiss law into U.S. law. Public discussions in the Republic of Uzbekistan are only being organized through a regulation.gov.uz platform, and this is not enough. Various forms of discussion (*meningkonstitutsiyam.uz portal, Telegram-bot, coll-center, meetings, roundtables, conferences, and so on*) are being used in public discussions of the constitutional bill, and a system should be created to apply this experience for projects of all policy-making documents.

<sup>3</sup> <https://president.uz/uz/lists/view/5774> O'Insert Republic Presidents Sha'drach, Me'sha Mirziyoevning High Council vain Uzbekistan to the people Murojaatnomasi. 2022-year December 20th.

<sup>4</sup> Pollitt, C. 2012. "The New Public Management in International Perspective: An Analysis of Impacts and Effects." In K. McLaughlin, S.P. Osborne and E. Ferlie (eds). *New Public Management: Current Trends and Future Prospects*. London: Routledge, 174-175.

<sup>5</sup> Ongaro, E. 2017. *Public Management Reform and Modernization: Trajectories of Administrative Change in Italy, France, Greece, Portugal and Spain*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

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*Third*, Article 23 of the Law "On Normative and Legal Documents" may be put into public discussion in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Public Discussion of Legislative Projects".

Drafts of normative and legal documents will be brought to the discussion of the public or experts."<sup>6</sup>

### **Conclusion**

In a nutshell, the constitution serves as a strong legal basis for the nation, for each country strengthens its goals and functions in its basic law, the Constitution, to ensure the well-being of its people. Thus, a state with a constitution that is accompanied by the will of the people tries to get rid of the highest goals it has set before it.

In our view, our leader said: "The updated Constitution should provide a strong legal basis and a reliable guarantee for the long-term development or strategies of our country, as well as for the prosperous life of our country and our people tomorrow. In a nutshell, we need to deepen the idea of "For the Sake of Human Value" and the approach "Human-Society-State," which is the main pillar of our current reforms, into the content of our Constitution and make it a chief value in our practical life. That is, man's dignity, dignity, and pride must now be first in all sectors."

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