

## LEGAL BASIS FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION

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**Annotation:** Corruption and its causes, the role of Uzbekistan in the ranking of International Anti-Corruption Organizations, measures to prevent corruption and the laws adopted, the mechanism of their implementation are described in detail.

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*"With corruption, Uzbekistan will  
never achieve its goals."*

*Sh.M.Mirziyoyev*

The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle said: *“The most important thing in any state system is to organize the work through laws and regulations in such a way that officials do not gain wealth by deception”*. One of the most pressing issues in the world today is corruption. Corruption is one of the most dangerous vices in any country in the world, which undermines the peace and tranquility of citizens, the foundations of democracy and the rule of law, violates human rights and hinders economic market relations. That is, if the rule of law is not ensured in society, the economic and political potential of the state will be weakened immediately, and the rights and freedom of citizens will be violated.

The first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov, in his book *“Uzbekistan on the Threshold of the XXI Century: Threats to Security, Conditions of Stability and Guarantees of Development”*, spoke about corruption and bribery which lead to serious violations of the rights and freedoms of citizens and he also said: "The utterly naughty rule that the purpose of passing laws and decrees is to circumvent them is to deprive society of its ability to maintain the simplest legal and public order".

There is a two-way link between corruption and its causes. The conclusion is that:

✚ first, corruption can be reduced and limited only by addressing the causes and conditions that give rise to it;

✚ secondly, resolute and uncompromising fight against corruption in all directions will be effective in solving these problem.

In short , what is corruption?

***Corruption is the unlawful use of one's position or position for personal gain or the gain of material or intangible benefits for the benefit of others, as well as the unlawful provision of such benefits. Corruption is one of the main types of the shadow economy.***

It is clear from the above definitions that corruption seriously undermines the political and economic development of any state and society, weakens the constitutional foundations of the state and the rule of law, and ultimately leads to the violation of human rights and freedoms. In order to organize the fight against this scourge in accordance with international standards, in 2008 our country ratified “ the United Nations Convention against Corruption” of October 13, 2003, and the Republic of Uzbekistan ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption, The Law "On Development" was adopted.

As a logical continuation of anti-corruption measures, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Combating Corruption" of January 3, 2017 and the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Combating Corruption in Uzbekistan" of May 27, 2019 on the basis of this decree, the State Program on Combating Corruption for 2019-2020 was adopted. We all know that corruption is one of the most widespread illnesses in recent years. We can achieve positive results not only against the judiciary and law enforcement agencies, but also each of us fights together.

In his Address to the OliyMajlis on January 24, 2020, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan ShavkatMirziyoyev said, “Unless all segments of the population, especially the best specialists, are involved in the fight against corruption, all members of our society without the "honesty vaccine", we will not be able to achieve the high goals we have set for ourselves. We need to move from fighting the effects of corruption to preventing it at an early stage. ”

It should be noted that the "Strategy of Actions for the further development of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021", announced by the President on February 7, 2017, plays an important role in reforming institutional mechanisms to prevent corruption. According to “Transparency International”, more than \$ 1 trillion a year is spent on corruption, which is currently the leading cause of crime in the world. Therefore, corruption and bribery can be called without hesitation a "enemy of development." The organization has released “the Corruption Perception Index for 2019”. The Corruption Perceptions Index is calculated on a scale from 0 (highest perception of corruption) to 100 (lowest) on the basis of assessments of the level of corruption in the public sector by experts and entrepreneurs. According to the 100-point index, Uzbekistan scored 2 points more than in 2018 - 25 points. However, the rating of “our country rose by 5 points and took 153rd place among 180 countries and regions. He had the same result as Tajikistan. This requires further improvement of the anti-corruption system in our country.

Today, the fight against corruption is one of the main tasks of the state, and in order to bring the anti-corruption system to a new level, President ShavkatMirziyoyev on May 27, 2019 signed a decree “On further improvement of the anti-corruption system in Uzbekistan.” The decree adopted a state program to combat corruption in 2019-2020 and approved the updated composition of the Republican Interagency Commission on Combating Corruption, headed by Senate Speaker TanzilaNorbaeva.

From September 1, 2019, comprehensive measures have been taken to provide legal education to young people in the field of anti-corruption in educational institutions. In addition, anti-corruption issues have been strengthened in the curricula of general secondary, secondary special, vocational and higher education institutions. As of August 1, 2019, as an experiment, the “Corruption-Free Sector” project in the field of capital construction and higher education was launched at the initial stage with the involvement of the public and leading experts, including foreign experts.

Moreover, a “Roadmap” project aimed at the effective use of public control mechanisms in the fight against corruption has been developed. It envisages further strengthening the role of

the OliyMajlis chambers and political parties, improving the accountability of law enforcement agencies to the OliyMajlis chambers, and introducing transparent and effective methods of citizen participation in the decision-making process.

### **Conclusion.**

In short, corruption is a social phenomenon characterized by the bribery of government officials or other employees and the use of their official powers for personal or group interests. As long as we do not fight corruption, it will take deep root.

- ✚ Firstly, corruption can be reduced and limited only by solving the problems and conditions that create it,
- ✚ secondly, to eliminate these problems requires a resolute fight against corruption in all areas, and in this way everyone a citizen will have to show dedication.

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