
Transparency of the Judicial System in Our Country

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Abstract: This article states that today access to justice, the ability of a person to protect their legal rights and freedoms through the courts is a topical issue around the world, to increase the efficiency of the judiciary, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan September 4, 2020 “On Measures to Digitize the Activities of the Judiciary”..

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In today's globalized world, digital technologies are being widely introduced in all fields around the world, and humanity is rapidly entering the way of life. It is observed that the countries that are working effectively in this direction are developing rapidly.

The large-scale reforms implemented in our country during the years of independence have become an important basis for strengthening national statehood and sovereignty, ensuring security and law and order, inviolability of state borders, rule of law, human rights and freedoms, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance. The decent life of our people has created the necessary conditions for the realization of the creative potential of our citizens.

At the same time, an in-depth analysis of the development path of our country, the development of a completely new approach and principles for a more stable and dynamic development of our country in today's rapidly changing global market environment and growing competition in the context of globalization requires a release.

Indeed, today, access to justice, the ability of man to defend his legal rights and freedoms through the courts, remains a pressing issue throughout the world. According to the analysis of leading international organizations, including the World Justice Project, more than 1.5 billion people in the world do not have access to justice. Restrictions caused by the corona virus pandemic; quarantine measures have exacerbated the problem. At the same time, the situation that has arisen in the context of the pandemic has in many respects demonstrated once again the importance of digital technologies and the opportunities and relevance of their widespread introduction in various fields. The situation has opened up new frontiers in working in new conditions, including improving the efficiency of the judiciary.

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 21, 2016 No PF-4850 “On measures to further reform the judicial system, strengthening guarantees of reliable protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens” to the next level, and identified the following three main priorities:

Ensuring genuine independence of the judiciary;

1. Strengthening the guarantees of reliable protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens;
2. Improving access to justice.
 - In order to implement these priorities, the important tasks of the judiciary, law enforcement and oversight bodies are:
 - Ensuring that the independence of judges, enshrined in Article 112 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, is subject only to the rule of law and the inevitability of liability for interference in the administration of justice;
 - to protect the rights and legitimate interests of citizens, to take all necessary measures in cases of aggression against them, to violate the procedure for consideration of appeals of individuals and legal entities and to prevent censorship;
 - Ensuring openness and transparency of activities through timely dissemination of relevant information to the public, increasing the effectiveness of cooperation with civil society institutions, the media and the public;
 - identification and elimination of systemic shortcomings and violations through the improvement of law enforcement practices and existing legislation, the introduction of advanced scientific and technical means and information and communication technologies;
 - Strengthen departmental control, prevent and eliminate abuses and other offenses among employees, improve the quality of staff, introduce modern mechanisms to ensure the selection of the most suitable candidates.

In addition, the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 4, 2020 "On measures to digitize the activities of the judiciary" is also important in that it sets important tasks.

The resolution set the task of implementing the program of digitization of courts in 2020-2023. In particular, the number of interactive electronic services provided to citizens and entrepreneurs will be increased, online monitoring of the process of consideration of each appeal will be provided, and access to interactive services in court buildings will be provided.

The resolution also envisages the development of a mobile application that will allow participating in court hearings by video conferencing by the end of 2020.

In addition, the plan for the integration of court information systems with information systems of government agencies and organizations provides for the following tasks:

- Gradual connection of information systems of 28 government agencies and organizations, including the virtual reception of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the reception of the Prime Minister for the consideration of appeals of entrepreneurs to the information system of the Supreme Court;
- electronic submission of information provided by courts to government agencies and organizations;
- Receive information and documents required in the process of a particular case directly in electronic form from government agencies and organizations;
- to get acquainted with reliable information on the property and social status of the citizen through the "Single Register of Social Protection" and other information systems when considering the issue of reducing or non-application of fines by the courts;
- Obtaining information on the average monthly salary in the districts in electronic form

through the information system when determining the amount of alimony by the courts.

At the same time, it is planned to integrate the information systems of government agencies and organizations with the information system of the Supreme Court. Thus, information on individuals and legal entities is provided free of charge upon electronic request of the courts.

The decision to integrate the information systems of the courts with the information systems of government agencies and organizations, including measures such as electronic receipt of information on the average monthly salary in the districts by determining the amount of alimony by the courts. The “road map” was also approved.

In conclusion, the main purpose of this Resolution is to modernize the judicial system through the effective introduction of digital technologies in the judiciary, as well as the confidence of our people in the judiciary through the reliable protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens, entrepreneurs and legal entities. to strengthen the judiciary, to make it a literal “fortress of justice”.

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