
International Ratings and Index Indicators of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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Abstract: The article analyzes issues such as how to enhance Uzbekistan's image in the international arena, the ongoing reforms in the country, the policy of openness in Uzbekistan, cooperation with neighboring countries and influential organizations, the creation of an integrated system of shaping and promoting Uzbekistan's international image.

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INTRODUCTION: Today, Uzbekistan is on the path to increasing its prestige in the international arena. As our country has been consistently implementing reforms, the agencies that determine our national rating have given them a worthy assessment. Rating (rating - a method of determining the prestige of the type of activity, derived from the English word "rating") can be different, business rating, investment attractiveness rating, etc. If any country participates in the rankings and it is at the top, it shows the openness, transparency and economic potential of this country.

LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY: It is well known that countries that are carrying out large-scale reforms to ensure economic development and are in the process of development, of course, strive to take a worthy place in the rankings. After all, it is important for the development of the country's economy, to raise cooperation with leading foreign businesses to a new level and to attract the attention of investors, to have high comparative ratings to ensure their

confidence. Therefore, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 7, 2019 PF-5687 "On systematization of measures to improve the position of the Republic of Uzbekistan in international ratings and indices" pursues the same goals. special attention was paid.

Today, as a result of Uzbekistan's policy of openness, it is strengthening its prestige in the international arena. This is primarily the result of cooperation with neighboring countries and influential organizations, as well as the attention paid by government agencies to the full expression of people. Interests. The reforms are widely recognized by the world community. At the same time Uzbekistan is rising to the top of international rankings and improving its positive image (image is derived from the English words "image", Latin "imago" - image, symbol, appearance), and countries, international organizations and investors as a promising partner of our country. reacts. Simply put, Uzbekistan is a reliable partner in the foreign arena. However, it is safe to say that our country is able to achieve even higher results.

According to the data, there are more than 100 international rankings and indices that

determine the position of countries. Unfortunately, in some rankings we do not have a place at all or are ranked lower. This is due to the lack of a state body working on this issue, on the other hand, some leaders do not pay enough attention to working with ratings, and most reforms are not reflected in surveys conducted by international organizations. This means that this issue needs to be taken seriously in the future. In fact, our real position may be worthy of a high place in that ranking. It is no exaggeration to say that the comprehensive reforms implemented in all social and economic spheres of Uzbekistan in recent years and the new, open foreign policy of our country serve to strengthen the positive image of Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan is widely recognized in the world as a steadily developing, democratic state, committed to the universally recognized norms and principles of international law, actively promoting the ideas of peace, humanity, enlightenment, tolerance and mutual respect and cooperation between states. Uzbekistan is receiving rapidly increasing attention from various countries and international organizations, and the desire of foreign partners to strengthen cooperation with the Republic of Uzbekistan in all areas is growing. Interest in Uzbekistan from foreign investors, businessmen and tourists is growing significantly.

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS: A number of measures are being taken to effectively strengthen the positive image of Uzbekistan in the international arena and ensure the stability of this process. In particular, it is important to create an integrated system of formation and promotion of Uzbekistan's international image at the state and public levels. One of the most important tasks in this area is to increase the effectiveness of the country's unique image, including rich cultural, historical, spiritual and intellectual

heritage, centuries-old statehood, recognition of the region's contribution to world civilization, sincere interethnic and interreligious tolerance, social harmony, rich natural resources, developed transport and communication infrastructure, readiness for equal cooperation regardless of ideological views.

The importance of accelerating the activities of government agencies to further improve the positive recognition of our country in the world community and more effectively use the significant image potential of Uzbekistan in the implementation economic priority, social, investment, scientific, educational, cultural and other tasks. Activities in this direction should be carried out on a regular basis through close cooperation and coordination of state and public structures and institutions.

Admittedly, Uzbekistan was next in a number of important international rankings and indices. In particular, Uzbekistan is ranked 74th in the World Bank's annual Doing Business ranking. In 2018, it ranked 158th out of 180 countries in the annual International Transparency Index on Corruption. Uzbekistan is also listed in Freedom House's latest ranking of political and religious freedoms, as well as freedom of the press and the rule of law, as "not free." According to Hideki Mori, the World Bank's Resident Representative in Uzbekistan, the ratings are based on numbers. Different international rating agencies have different assessment methods. However, it should be noted that the conclusions of all rating agencies are not clear. He noted that few international rating agencies in the world have the right rating. These include agencies such as Harvard, Moody's, Fitch and Standard & Poor's.

In their analysis, international rating agencies note that with the coming to power of Shavkat Mirziyoyev in 2016, a

number of economic and institutional reforms have been launched to ensure further economic growth. The reforms being carried out under the leadership of the President to ensure the protection of human rights, improve the living standards of the population, ensure freedom of economic activity, improve the judiciary, increase the country's performance in international rankings and indices. Representatives of international agencies note that over the past three years, Uzbekistan has begun to rise in the rankings in various areas, in particular, over the past four years, the Heritage Fund's Economic Freedom Index rose by 52 points, the World Bank's Logistics Efficiency Index by 19 points and the Doing Business Index by 18 points climbed the ladder. One of the world's leading publications, The Economist, has named Uzbekistan the country of the year with the most rapid reforms in 2019. At the present stage, the International Monetary Fund and international rating agencies, Uzbekistan will grow among the world's few countries in 2021, despite pandemic tests. Of all the World Bank, Uzbekistan will be the only country in Europe and Central Asia to grow this year (2020). According to the Asian Development Bank, Uzbekistan will grow rapidly in 2021, at the same time the International Institute for Business Administration (France), Cornell University (USA) and the World Intellectual Property Organization ranked 93rd in the country and 4th among Central and South Asian countries. Among Central and South Asian countries, it ranked 4th, while Uzbekistan rose 125 places to 44th place in the Open Data Observation Index. At the same time, the introduction of the practice of disclosure of indicators in 20 areas of public and public administration has played an important role.

Conclusion: In the context of complex geopolitical processes, the coronavirus pandemic and the global economic crisis, Uzbekistan is actively pursuing an open and pragmatic foreign policy. As a result of

our resolute efforts in the international arena, the prestige and prestige of our country is growing. For the first time in history, our country was elected a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The recent removal of Uzbekistan from the list of "countries under special surveillance" in the field of religious freedom by the US State Department is also a recognition of our large-scale democratic reforms.

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