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Abstract: *the article considers the main priority directions of family policy in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the role of the family in society, as well as legislatively fixed consistent measures to protect the family, motherhood and childhood.*

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Since the first days of independence, Uzbekistan has set a course for building a democratic rule of law and a just civil society. The attitude of society towards the family plays a special role in achieving this goal. In an interview, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev shared his thoughts about family and happiness. In his opinion, the most important thing in every person's life is family. "Family is sacred to me. It is sacred because no matter where you work, no matter who you are, if there is no upbringing, environment, honesty, relationships in the family, there will never be a result. Therefore, I pay great attention to the upbringing of my children. I have a separate connection with each of my children, grandchildren. I know the character of each grandson, their dreams, desires," he said.

It is in the family atmosphere that such noble qualities as respect for elders, care for the younger ones, kindness and humanity, mercy and generosity, devotion to the Motherland and its people are formed¹».

In our country, the family is protected by the state. The issues of strengthening the family, protection of motherhood and childhood are given constant attention as a priority direction of state policy. The high social status of the institution of the family is enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on its basis the relevant legislative acts have been adopted and are in force.

Speaking about the family, we must recognize that it is a hearth that ensures the eternity of life, the duration of generations, preserves our sacred traditions and customs, and influences what kind of people future generations will grow up to be.

Over the years of independence, the legal framework of family legislation has significantly strengthened. An important role in this was played by the adopted Family Code, which guarantees the protection of the interests of the family, which determined its high status. The objectives of family legislation are to strengthen the family, build family relations based on feelings of mutual love, trust and mutual respect, mutual assistance and responsibility to the family of all its members.

The issue of educating a healthy younger generation in our country has become one of the priorities of state policy. It is clear that today one of the urgent tasks is the formation of a healthy family. The Provision "On medical examination of persons entering into marriage", approved by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 25, 2003, contributes to the achievement of this goal. The way of family relations, the upbringing of the younger generation in the spirit of the best national traditions is also promoted by the Republican Center "Oila", whose main tasks are to carry out a unified state policy in the field of strengthening the institution of the family, aimed primarily at implementing the conceptual idea "A healthy family is a healthy society". He is also entrusted with the task of addressing the origins and roots from a scientific

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point of view, linking them with the voluminous concept of family. Today, it is already clearly defined in our minds that the family and its traditions are the main human value. After all, they make up the society of an independent state, its foundation, without which, as you know, no majestic building can stand.

It is known that representatives of various nationalities and nations living on earth have their own specific family characteristics, customs and traditions. The peculiarities of the Uzbek family are the veneration of their ancestors, respect for parents, relatives, elders and a friendly attitude towards the younger ones. The Uzbek family is characterized by spiritual breadth, hospitality, hard work, the strength of relations between family members, spouses and children, child love, devotion to the family. These features form national features, known and preserved from time immemorial.

Taking care of parents is one of the main responsibilities of children. It follows from moral principles and is aimed at providing all possible assistance to parents in need of it. In accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, able-bodied adult children are obliged to take care of their parents and provide them with assistance.

The obligation to support parents who are unable to work and in need of financial assistance is provided for by the Family Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and is imposed on all adult children, regardless of how long they have lived with their parents and were brought up by them, whether they work, study or receive a pension.

The concept of family is directly related to the image of a woman who is rightfully the keeper of the family hearth. Therefore, it is not surprising that during the years of independence, a lot of work is being done to increase the role of women in society, the realization of their abilities and talents, including in political life, in all sectors of the economy and the social sphere. Their active participation is also increasing in areas related to market relations, such as farming, small business, and private entrepreneurship. It is no coincidence that the Year of the Woman became a logical continuation of the Year of the Family that preceded it, 2014 was declared the Year of a Healthy Child, 2015 was the Year of Attention and Care for the Older Generation, and 2016 was the Year of a Healthy Mother and Child. This is, first of all, concern for the health and future of our children. And it is our duty, our duty to do everything possible for them to grow up both physically and spiritually harmoniously developed people with modern knowledge and experience, able to take responsibility for the future of our country, our people. Attention and all-round care for our children, the younger generation - in this, first of all, we see a manifestation of our faith in tomorrow, a sign of great, immutable respect for our people.

The main directions of this work on the formation of a healthy family, the upbringing of a healthy generation are also defined in many programs. They are aimed at protecting motherhood and childhood, strengthening a healthy atmosphere in the family, its economic and spiritual and moral foundations and multiplying the best traditions of the family. In the East, the family has been considered a sacred Homeland since ancient times. When the family is healthy and strong, there will be peace and unity in the mahalla. Consequently, when the mahalla is strong, calm and stability will reign in the state. Therefore, the role and importance of the mahalla in creating strong foundations of the family is great.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev called the mahalla "a unique democratic structure for the world" and noted that its powers will be expanded. At the meeting on the implementation of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan, he again stressed that "the concept of honor and dignity of a person is not some abstract, high-sounding concept." This is "the creation of decent living conditions and modern infrastructure for every citizen."

As the President noted, it is necessary to further expand his powers in order to eventually turn the mahalla into a crucial link of our society. If there is peace in the mahalla, it will be peaceful in the country. If the mahalla is well-maintained, then the whole country will be well-maintained."

"All our efforts and allocated funds should reach every mahalla and household and serve to improve the well-being of every family... From now on, our activities will be built in a completely new way, that is, based on the principle of "man - society — state," the president said, speaking about the first Direction of the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan.

The Mahalla assumes responsibility for all matters within its competence. We all grew up in the mahalla. We must do everything possible to raise the authority of the mahalla to a proper height, we must consider this issue not only as an economic, not only as a social, but also as a political, educational, spiritual issue. If there is peace and tranquility there, then she will have enough strength for everything, she will be able to solve any issue. The mahalla employs people who are wise with the experience of life, firmly standing on the ground, knowledgeable, able, selfless, able to evaluate everything and put everything in its place.

It should be particularly noted that the new priorities of family legislation determined by the President of the Republic should be reflected in the laws, regulations and norms that will be adopted in order to develop and improve the institution of the family in our country, meet the requirements of today and tomorrow, will allow society to pay increased attention to this issue. All this will contribute to the further strengthening of the family, the protection of motherhood and childhood, the interests of the family, the formation of a healthy generation.

Thus, with independence, the protection of motherhood and childhood, the interests of the family, the formation of a healthy generation were put at the forefront. To solve this primary task, unprecedented steps are being taken in Uzbekistan and are currently being taken to form a healthy family, provide assistance to large families, and improve the health of mothers and children.

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