



Uzbek-French Summit: The Result of Sincere Meetings and Fruitful Negotiations

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Abstract: This article analyses that the result of sincere meetings and fruitful negotiations in Uzbek-French summit, which held in Paris. The descriptive analysis method is used as the main method, and the retrospective analysis method is used as an auxiliary method.

The subject of research is bilateral relations between Uzbekistan and the France. How attention is being paid to such areas as education, science, cultural heritage, civil aviation, public service, fight against corruption, trade, investment, enhancing economy, water supply, energy, agriculture, transport, tourism, saving environment, green economy, regional security as an object of growing cooperation.

The purpose of the article is to research agreements on the development of practical cooperation, strengthening relation between educational institutions, ensuring economic partnership and interdependence. As a source for the article, the opinions of various guides were taken from industry representatives.

Keywords: Cooperation, economy, friendship, politics, France, Uzbekistan, biliteral relations, parties, participation.

INTRODUCTION

On November 22, Shavkat Mirziyoyev and French President Emmanuel Macron held talks at the Elysee Palace in Paris. The heads of state discussed in detail the issues of further expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation between Uzbekistan and France and agreed to develop relations. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The parties noted that relations are rapidly developing, broad political dialogue is deepening, the parties are helping each other within the framework of international organizations, and inter-parliamentary dialogue has expanded. (uz.ambafrance, 2021)

The results of the Uzbek-French business events held on the eve of the visit, trade and economic agreements and contracts with a total value of more than 6 billion euros were signed. (*president.uz*, 2022) The parties also supported the opening of a branch of the French alliance in Samarkand and discussed the issue of holding the second Uzbek-French educational forum in Paris on November 27-28 of this year. It was agreed to develop cooperation in the field of training French language teachers. In the end, Shavkat Mirziyoyev invited Emmanuel Macron to visit Uzbekistan at a time convenient for him.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

According to the results of the official visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to France on November 21-22, 2022, the President of the Republic of France and the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan held this meeting in order to support the development of high-level comprehensive partnership between the two countries. They adopted a joint statement. (president.uz, 2022)

Bilateral political relations:

1. In this year, the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and France, the presidents noted with pleasure the significant development of bilateral relations in recent years. In order to contribute to the deepening of this bilateral partnership, the heads of state emphasized the positive prospects created by the reforms for the modernization of the country initiated by Uzbekistan and the efforts to develop good neighborly relations in Central Asia.
2. During the visit, the Parties signed more than ten agreements on cooperation in education, science, cultural heritage, civil aviation, public service and fight against corruption. The parties expressed their readiness to hold political consultations on issues of mutual interest, in particular, on security and economic issues, involving relevant ministries at various levels, in necessary cases. The parties also noted that they are interested in developing inter-parliamentary cooperation and intensifying the activity of friendship groups in the two countries.
3. In the cultural sphere, the parties will participate in the exhibition "Treasures of the Oases of Uzbekistan" at the Louvre Museum, which opened on November 22, 2022. At the Crossroads of "Caravan Roads" and "Road to Samarkand", "Silk and Gold Miracles" exhibitions at the Institute of the Arab World. The parties expressed their desire to strengthen cooperation in the fields of culture and cultural heritage, and in accordance with the Declaration of Agreement signed on January 6, 2021, they will continue work on the establishment of a French-Uzbekistan cultural center in Tashkent. (president.uz, 2022)
4. In the field of education, the Parties agreed to further develop cooperation by strengthening relations between educational institutions, as well as improving French language teaching and teacher training. The parties noted with pleasure the activities of the French Lyceum in Tashkent, expressed their desire to ensure the continuity of the status of this educational institution and support its activities, and the parties also offered to simplify the process of opening a new French alliance in the city of Samarkand. The parties expressed their satisfaction with the organization of the second forum of universities of Uzbekistan and France, which will be held in Paris on November 27-28, 2022.

Bilateral economic relations

5. In terms of economic direction, the Parties agreed to develop cooperation in the fields mentioned in the roadmap for 2020-2030 regarding economic cooperation between Uzbekistan and France. During the visit, many economic agreements were signed in the fields of energy, water supply, transport and tourism. The plan of action in the field of agriculture allows to study the directions of future cooperation. The Uzbek side expressed its readiness to provide the necessary assistance and simplify existing procedures to facilitate the entry of French investors into the country.
6. The leaders of the two countries positively assessed the activities of the French Development Agency and noted with satisfaction the signing of the Strategic Partnership Agreement for 2022-2025 to support Uzbekistan's state investments. In particular, they expressed their desire for the Agency to continue the cooperation started in the direction of the green economy and implement projects for the development of the Aral Sea region.
7. The parties agreed to further develop cooperation in the field of tourism, in particular, to use the potential of tourist areas. The French side supported Uzbekistan's proposal to hold the first EU-Central Asia tourism forum in Khiva in 2023.

Regional and international politics

8. Uzbekistan and France confirmed their desire to contribute to the strengthening of security, peace and stability at the international and regional level. Both sides expressed their readiness to strengthen the coordination of their actions within the framework of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, other international organizations and relevant regional structures. The parties reaffirmed their determination to resolve disputes through negotiations, in full compliance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations.
9. The parties noted with satisfaction the development of relations between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the European Union. They supported the development of interregional cooperation within the framework of the European Union's "Global Gateway" strategy and the EU-Central Asia Interdependence Conference held in Samarkand on November 17-18, 2022. The parties are pleased that the negotiations on the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the European Union, the text of which was agreed in July 2022, have been completed, which will allow further strengthening of relations between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the European Union.
10. The parties expressed their interest in contributing to the stabilization of the situation in Afghanistan and ensuring security in the region, which is clearly confirmed by the participation of the French side in the international conference on Afghanistan held in Tashkent on July 26, 2022.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the heads of state discussed in detail the issues of further expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation between Uzbekistan and France and agreed to develop relations. The parties noted that relations are rapidly developing, as well as broad political dialogue is deepening. That's why the parties prefer helping each other within the framework of international organizations. Moreover, representatives of the two governments expressed their readiness to hold political consultations on issues of mutual interest, in particular, on security and economic issues, involving relevant ministries at various levels, in necessary cases.

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