

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF TAJKISTAN AND THE STATE OF QATAR

The Republic of Tajikistan after gaining its independence and recognizing by other sovereign independent countries has established its diplomatic relations with most countries of the world. One of these countries with which the Republic of Tajikistan has deep cooperation is the State of Qatar. Diplomatic relations between the Republic of Tajikistan and Qatar were established on December 13, 1994. The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Dushanbe was opened in November 2012 and the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in Doha was opened in May 2013. When the Founder of Peace and National Unity - Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon had official visit to the State of Qatar on May 6-7, 2007, this visiting opened a new page in the history of bilateral relations between these two countries and laid the foundation for further development. The official visit of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon to the State of Qatar on February 5-7, 2017 at the invitation of the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and high-level talks in Doha gave a serious influence to the development of relations among the Republic of Tajikistan and the State of Qatar. Under the direction of the top leaders of the two countries, a tool for political consultations at the level of ministers, deputy ministers and heads of departments was established between the foreign ministries. Also, the working visit of the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to Dushanbe was held on June 14-15, 2019, this visit was in order to participate in the Fifth Summit of the Conference on Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and his official talks with the President of the Republic of Tajikistan was the most important event in the process of strengthening and expanding bilateral political ties.

It should be noted that the political consultations in Dushanbe on October 24, 2018 and January 26, 2020 in Doha held under the leadership of the First Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State of Qatar to further expand mutually beneficial cooperation in political, economic and social spheres. An important factor is the promotion of constructive initiatives in the framework of regional and international organizations, the fight against terrorism and extremism, and the pursuit of other issues of mutual interests.

About inter-parliamentary relations between these two countries we can say that with the purpose of expansion of bilateral relations by the resolution of Majlisi Namoyandagon of Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan from 04.01.2019 the Group of friendship and inter-parliamentary cooperation with Majlisi Namoyandagon of State of Qatar was established. To this end, a working group on cooperation with Asian countries is working in the parliament of the State of Qatar.

The Republic of Tajikistan and the State of Qatar have established their diplomatic relations in the sphere of security, there were established working relations between the interior ministries of the two countries. In the framework of the visit of the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Qatar on February 16-18, 2019, bilateral talks were held with the Prime Minister - Minister of Internal Affairs of Qatar, Attorney General and Special Representative of the State of Qatar for Combating Terrorism and Conflict Resolution. On the basis of constructive bilateral and multilateral cooperation, the State of Qatar has made a significant contribution to the organization of two high-level international conferences on combating terrorism and extremism, which were held in May 2018 and May 2019 in Dushanbe.

It should be mentioned about the economic and trade cooperation between these two countries which are the most important spheres of life. The State of Qatar is the first Arab country to invest in Tajikistan. Its effect is reflected in the financing of the construction of

the Grand Mosque of Dushanbe (\$ 91.3 million), the largest mosque in Central Asia. Qatari company Diyar is implementing an investment project Diyare Dushanbe in the capital of our country. Fortunately, the Emir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, is arriving in Tajikistan with an official visit. According to the source, the high-ranking guest's visit to Dushanbe is scheduled for June 8-9. At the same time, the Religious Committee of the Republic of Tajikistan confirmed that the largest mosque in the capital will be opened as part of this visit. It should be emphasized that the first stone of this building was laid in October 2009, and the construction began in October 2011. The new mosque was completely rebuilt in 2019 and is ready for the opening, which was set aside several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the expectation of the arrival of the Emir of Qatar. Also the construction of such a large-scale facility is a bilateral international project of Tajikistan and Qatar. At the same time, about 120 thousand people will be able to visit it.

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