

DECREE
by the President
of the Republic of Uzbekistan
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On the improvement of the passport system
of the Republic of Uzbekistan

For the purpose of improving the Republic's passport system, streamlining entry and stay in the Republic of Uzbekistan of foreign citizens and non-citizens, in keeping with Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, "On citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan", the following is laid down:

1. To lay down that:

- foreign citizens, including those of the CIS member states, as well as non-citizens are eligible for the acquisition of the right of permanent residence in the Republic of Uzbekistan, provided there is an appropriate residence permit issued by the Republic's interior authorities according to the established procedure;

- citizens of the CIS member states staying in the Republic of Uzbekistan for more than 3 days should apply to the local authority, which has jurisdiction over their place of stay, requesting the right of temporary residence;

- foreign citizens and non-citizens entering the Republic of Uzbekistan under entry visas should acquire the right of temporary residence for the duration of their entry visas' term of validity.

2. To approve the following documents:

- a new wording of Regulations on the Passport system of the Republic of Uzbekistan, according to the Enclosure No 1.

- a new wording of Regulations on residence permit in the Republic of Uzbekistan intended for foreign citizens, and residence permit in the Republic of Uzbekistan and a certificate intended for non-citizens, according to the Enclosure No 2

- amendments and supplements to be introduced into Regulations on the procedure for considering the Republic's citizenship related issues, with the November 20, 1992 Presidential Decree No UP-500 issued to approve the Regulations, according to the Enclosure No 3.

3. To establish, within the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and khokimiyats of the regions and the city of Tashkent, special commissions to be involved in considering matters associated with (a) the issue to foreign citizens, including those from the CIS member states and non-citizens, residential permits and (b) their acquisition of the right of permanent residence in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

To charge Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and khokims of the regions and the city of Tashkent with heading the above-mentioned territorial commissions.

When considering the issues referred to in Paragraph 3 of the present Decree, these commissions should pay particular attention to the availability of employment and residence opportunities and the provision of persons arriving in the Republic of Uzbekistan for permanent residence with certain social guarantees.

4. To make top officials, including Interior Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Chairman of the Committee on the "State

Frontier Protection, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and khokims of the regions and the city of Tashkent, personally responsible for the strict observance of the passport system's provisions, and a procedure for entry, stay and departure from the Republic of Uzbekistan of foreign citizens, including those from the CIS member states and non-citizens.

5. To consider null and void Enclosures 1 and 2 to the December 23, 1994 Presidential Decree No. UP-1027 and the March, 14 1997 Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 143.

6. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in conjunction with the Interior Ministry and other concerned ministries and divisions, should, within one month, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers a package of proposed amendments and supplements, following the present Decree, to be introduced into the current law.

7. The Cabinet of Ministers should, within one week, issue an appropriate resolution on the implementation of the present Decree.

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President of the
Republic of Uzbekistan