

Decree of the President of Turkmenistan
“On improvement of exit order for citizens of Turkmenistan”
of 11 March 2004

Independent and neutral Turkmenistan as a legal and secular state consistently implements measures on democratization of the state and public life of the country, activities of public and government institutions, fully meets international requirements and standards of the national legislation aimed at ensuring the rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen. As a party to international agreements and conventions on the rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen, Turkmenistan consistently ensures the observance of the conditions of these important international legal documents. The legislation system of Turkmenistan provides for priority of the rights of a man and a citizen stipulated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Protection of Human Rights and Major Freedoms, the International Pact on the Civic and Political rights and other internationally recognized acts in this field.

On the basis of international obligations and in strict compliance with international norms and principles in the field of human rights and freedoms, I resolve:

1. To ensure the freedom of exit of citizens from Turkmenistan to foreign countries and remove any obstacles as regards exiting the state in accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan.
2. To establish that before exiting Turkmenistan an entry visa of a state of destination should be obtained to cross the border of Turkmenistan.
3. The Ministry of Adalat (Justice) is to effect this decree from the day of its publication.