

UPR of Uzbekistan
24th April 2013
Republic of Poland

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Uzbekistan for its informative national report and for its engagement in the UPR process. We welcome the establishment of the National Plan of Action on Fulfilment of the Recommendations of the CERD.

In this UPR cycle, Poland would like to make reference to the findings of the HR Committee that remains concerned with the unreasonable restrictions on the registration of political parties and public association by the Ministry of Justice. We would also like to make reference to the Special Rapporteurs' concern with regard to allegations of intimidation of peaceful protesters and the violation of trial safeguards in the context of peaceful assemblies held in Tashkent on 6th December 2010 and on 4th April 2011.

We would be interested in learning more on the ways Uzbekistan intends to bring its law and practices in line with the articles 19 (freedom of opinion), 21 (freedom of assembly) and 22 (freedom of association) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We recommend to Uzbekistan (1) to introduce less restrictive and transparent regulations on the registration of political parties and public association and (2) to include full implementation of freedom of opinion, freedom of assembly and association among the priorities of the national programme of action in the field of human rights, that Uzbekistan intends to elaborate.

Thank you for your attention.

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