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# The Role of Diplomacy and International Cooperation In Maintaining Peace and Security

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**Abstract:** This paper will discuss the strategic significance of peace and security to the state and the international community looking at peace not only as the absence of war but as a complicated process that involves justice, human rights and social harmony. It also underscores the efforts of international organizations like the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the European Union, and NATO and the Uzbekistan role in the international and regional cooperation. In addition, the paper examines the importance of international cooperation in maintaining stability and also playing a role in the economic and humanitarian growth, with some practical examples of the application of the concept and strategic efforts of Uzbekistan in enhancing the stability and peace.

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## 1. Introduction

The basic aspirations and strategic objectives of each state and people are peace and security. They are the pillars of stability, prosperity and economic development within society. Peace is not only the absence of war but a complicated process that includes the following: justice, respect of human rights and social harmony [1]. As such, security and peace are not only domestic policy issues in the modern world, but also a determinant of international relations. The activities of regional and international organizations along with the global security strategies are the part of the guarantee of peace. There are a number of issues related to the action of peace keeping and providing the security [2]. Every state establishes his national interests and his national security policies, however the international issues can be resolved only through the unity. As an illustration, the problems of natural catastrophes, cyberattack, terrorism, and military conflicts cannot be addressed through the efforts of one country [3]. Economic crises, ethnic and religious conflicts are all threats to the stability of the regions. Thus, international cooperation is an important aspect in maintenance of peace and security. At this point, it is appropriate to cite the words of our country's leader, Shavkat Mirziyoyev: "In our country, based on the noble idea of "enlightenment against ignorance", promoting the humanitarian essence of Islam and its service to noble goals such as peace and friendship will remain one of the ongoing issues on our agenda" [4].

The aspects of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence are also being acknowledged as new trends in security today. The exchange of information and collaboration between

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states on a technological basis is useful in enhancing global security. Meanwhile, the national and international security is also influenced by environmental issues and the problem of climate change. Even these problems can be resolved efficiently only in cooperation [5].

## 2. Materials and Methods

The current article was written with the purpose to conduct research on the efficacy of global collaboration on the assurance of peace and security. In the process of conducting the research, analytical and comparative research was conducted to investigate the practices of the United Nations (UN), the Security Council, and other regional bodies [6]. Also, the experience and the activities of Uzbekistan on the international arena were investigated with references to the official documents, resolutions, and strategic reports. The article combines both the qualitative and the quantitative research in terms of determining the influence of international cooperation towards stability and security, success of diplomatic action and its contribution in addressing global threats. Simultaneously, such new risks as environmental issues, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence were researched regarding a methodological viewpoint. This method gave the article a scientific basis and made it possible to come up with practical recommendations [7].

## 3. Results and Discussion

The United Nations is the most influential organization established to ensure peace and security across the globe and to promote intergovernmental cooperation. Every UN member state adheres to the obligations set forth in the organization's Charter, which reflects the fundamental principles of international relations and international treaties. In conditions where armed conflicts and threats to international peace and stability are increasing, the UN's role and responsibility as a universal international organization, aimed at uniting the efforts of member states to ensure peace and security, protect human rights, and promote sustainable development, are becoming increasingly significant. In recent years, cooperation between Uzbekistan and the UN has reached a high level [8]. A total of 140 joint programs and projects have been successfully implemented. At Uzbekistan's initiative, six resolutions of the UN General Assembly have been adopted, and a special Trust Fund is operating to provide social support to the population of the Aral Sea region [9]. Uzbekistan has been elected as a member of several prominent bodies of the Organization and has been actively participating in their work. Together, major international events are being held on the global agenda, particularly on issues such as ensuring food security, developing tourism, and combating poverty and climate change.

The most core aim of each state and people is peace and security. These concerns are significant at the national, as well as at the international level in the modern global world. This is due to the fact that the domestic policies of a given state, economies and securities of a particular state directly impact on the security of the whole world. Thus, the only way to maintain the peace and guarantee security is to ensure that there is great cooperation between the countries [10].

International cooperation refers to the process in which states, international and regional organizations engage in cooperating to uphold peace, enhance security and provide global stability. The United Nations (UN) aids in the maintenance of world stability in the form of peacekeeping operations, diplomatic talks, and enforcement of international law. Meanwhile, the role of such organizations as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the European Union (EU), and NATO is also significant in the stability and security of the region. States can gain the mutual trust, avoid conflicts and establishment of shared strategies through these organizations [11].

To assure world security, it is necessary to consider the interests of all parties. The domestic policies, economies, and security policies of each state are interrelated with the

others and the issues can only be resolved efficiently when there are combined efforts. As an illustration, all global issues like terrorism, cybersecurity, or even natural disasters cannot be addressed solely on national levels. Thus, there is a necessity to intensify the work of the diplomats and the activity of the international organizations and regional structures [12].

The United Nations is an international organization established to strengthen and support international security and peace, as well as to promote cooperation among various states. The League of Nations failed to prevent the Second World War of 1939-1945. The UN, however, was established to address the shortcomings of the League of Nations, support international peace, resolve international issues of economic, social, and humanitarian nature, and provide a platform for dialogue.

According to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, “As a result of the tragedy of the Second World War, the international community united and decided to establish the United Nations to strengthen international peace and security. The UN Charter was unanimously adopted and signed by 50 countries in San Francisco (USA) on June 26, 1945, just one and a half months after the end of the war in Europe. It officially came into force on October 24, 1945, which is considered the founding day of the UN” [13].

The Charter enshrines the following objectives of the United Nations:

- ⊙ to save future generations from the scourge of war;
- ⊙ to create conditions in which justice and respect become primary principles;
- ⊙ to assist in improving social welfare and living conditions under greater freedom;
- ⊙ to promote tolerance and peaceful, harmonious coexistence as good neighbors;
- ⊙ to unite efforts in support of international peace and security;
- ⊙ to develop friendly relations among nations (peoples);
- ⊙ to support human rights and eliminate discrimination against women, and to coordinate the efforts of countries in combating international terrorism and crime, the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, and corruption [14].

On February 19, 2026, the President of our country, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, participated in the inaugural meeting of the Peace Council in Washington, D.C. During this meeting, a number of peace and security issues of strategic importance were discussed. Uzbekistan’s accession to this council provides the country with several significant advantages:

*first*, international prestige and trust. Uzbekistan has been recognized as a responsible and peace-loving state, which establishes it as a reliable partner in international cooperation and dialogue;

*second*, economic and investment opportunities. Projects within the framework of the Peace Council further strengthen the economic cooperation and investment climate for our country. Stability and security also have a positive impact on domestic social and economic development;

*third*, global and regional cooperation. Uzbekistan gains the opportunity to expand international collaboration through sharing its experience on regional and global issues, its constructive position on the Afghanistan issue, and its activities to strengthen a climate of trust in Central Asia;

*fourth*, safeguarding national interests. The Peace Council is not limited to international tasks alone; it also protects Uzbekistan’s national interests. The country maintains its principles of pursuing an independent foreign policy, not joining military blocs, and following the path of peace [15].

The Peace Council holds not only diplomatic and political significance for Uzbekistan but also serves as a practical platform aimed at ensuring stability and security on the international level. Through this council, Uzbekistan is able to:

- ⊙ actively participate in promoting stability in conflict-affected regions;
- ⊙ advance global peace initiatives;
- ⊙ create new opportunities in economic and humanitarian cooperation;
- ⊙ strengthen its regional and global influence.

At the same time, by operating in collaboration with the UN and other international institutions, the council further enhances Uzbekistan's role and prestige on the international stage.

Joining the Peace Council is a strategic and historic step for Uzbekistan. This step expands the country's opportunities to contribute to global peace and stability and creates a stable platform for protecting national interests and strengthening regional cooperation.

Uzbekistan's constructive position on the Afghanistan issue, along with its initiatives aimed at creating a climate of trust in Central Asia and strengthening regional cooperation, is highly valued on the international stage. This experience provides an important foundation for the country's active participation within the framework of the Peace Council. It can be confidently stated that this decision is not aimed at short-term political gains but at building a peaceful, stable, and developed Uzbekistan for future generations. By contributing to peace, we also strengthen our national interests.

The prudent and strategic foreign policy being pursued is not only effective for our country but also enhances Uzbekistan's status and influence within the international community. The path chosen by Uzbekistan is one of dialogue, cooperation, and peace. This path provides opportunities not only for national development but also for contributing to a stable and secure global system.

#### 4. Conclusion

The reviews and real-life examples show that peace and security is not only paramount to the internal stability of the individual states but also to the stability of the entire world. Nowadays, the security threats cannot be eliminated only by national means; they can be successfully overcome only when the international cooperation, the international dialog, and the active involvement of international organizations are considered. The involvement of Uzbekistan in the United Nations and the Peace Council offers great results in the field of reinforcing cooperation within the region and the whole world, improving the international image, and safeguarding national interests. Simultaneously, it is evident that the successful assurance of the global security presupposes also the attention paid to the new threats like cybersecurity, environmental risks and socio-economic issues.

Considering this, it is possible to suggest the following recommendations:

1. There is also the need to continue and advance diplomatic talks among states, projects and collective programs utilizing the international and regional organizations fold.
2. The international efforts to prevent the regional conflicts and to defend human rights and humanitarian concerns should also be supported.
3. States are supposed to play their role in maintaining global stability through sharing of experiences, carrying out common activities, and putting in practice best practices.
4. Joint international strategies should be developed to address new threats such as cybersecurity risks, artificial intelligence challenges, environmental threats, and natural disasters.
5. States should safeguard their national security and economic interests on international platforms while contributing to overall peace and stability.

Conclusively, peace and security enhancement cannot be done as a single hand action, but global collaboration, strategic diplomacy, and mindfulness of interest of all parties. Through this, the countries such as Uzbekistan will have an active role in bringing stability in the world as well as developing the country and gaining international pride..

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