



**Prof., Dr.  
MIRZATILLO TILLABAEV**  
Candidature Statement for  
Membership in the Independent  
Permanent Human Rights  
Commission of the Organization of  
Islamic Cooperation

I am honoured to be nominated as a candidate for membership of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), representing the Asian region. From my early days as a lawyer to my current position as First Deputy Director of the National Centre of Uzbekistan for Human Rights, I have worked tirelessly to promote and protect human rights in accordance with Islamic values and universal standards. If entrusted with this responsibility, I will bring my extensive experience in policy development, treaty reporting and institution building to strengthen and expand the vital work of the IPHRC.

## Upholding Islamic Values and Universal Human Rights: My Vision for the IPHRC

With extensive experience at the **National Center for Human Rights**, the **Parliamentary Ombudsman Institute**, and various academic institutions, I have played a key role in strengthening human rights protection frameworks and promoting international legal standards in Uzbekistan and beyond.

My work integrates theoretical expertise with practical policy development across multiple areas, including **human rights protection, legal education, governance, legislative drafting, and constitutional and intellectual property law**. I have contributed to legal reforms, national human rights strategies, and legislative frameworks to ensure alignment with international commitments.

At the National Center for Human Rights, I led policy research, national reporting, and legal analysis, while at the Parliamentary Ombudsman's Office, I investigated human rights complaints, identifying systemic gaps in law and administration. As an educator, I have taught courses on human rights, international law, and constitutional law at leading universities and have authored textbooks and research publications widely used in academic and governmental institutions.

My legislative involvement includes drafting national human rights policies and advising on legal frameworks to align with Uzbekistan's legal traditions and international obligations. I

have actively participated in global human rights discussions, contributing to the **UN Human Rights Council**, the **Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions**, and **OSCE/ODIHR** gatherings. I provided input during intergovernmental meetings of the **Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**, including the drafting of the **OIC Declaration on Human Rights**. I participated in the **6th and 7th Annual Seminars of the OIC-IPHRC**, attended regular sessions of the IPHRC, and signed a **Memorandum of Understanding between Uzbekistan's National Centre for Human Rights and the OIC-IPHRC in May 2023**. Additionally, I served as a member of the Uzbekistan Delegation at the **NHRI and Ombudsmen World Conferences on Human Rights**, **UN Forums on Business and Human Rights**, and sessions of the **UN Human Rights Council, its Treaty Bodies, and EU Human Rights Dialogues**.

Beyond legal and policy work, I serve on the Scientific Advisory Council of the Constitutional Court of Uzbekistan and contribute to scientific councils responsible for doctoral research in human rights and international law. Through a combination of policy innovation, capacity-building, and international collaboration, I continue to work towards strengthening human rights protections and governance in Uzbekistan and beyond.

### Alignment with the IPHRC Mandate and Key Focus Areas.

I firmly believe that the IPHRC's dual emphasis on **Islamic principles** and **universal human rights norms** is integral to developing cohesive, just, and thriving societies across the OIC. Throughout my career:

- **I have promoted and protected human rights consistent with Islamic values.**

By supervising legal reforms focused on women's empowerment, children's welfare, and support for socially vulnerable groups, I strive to ensure that local traditions harmonize with global standards of dignity and justice.

- **I have addressed and corrected misperceptions about Islam.**

Representing Uzbekistan at various international forums has solidified my commitment to **dialogue-based approaches** that counter Islamophobia and religious intolerance, ensuring that OIC member states speak with a unified voice against discrimination.

- **I have prioritized synergy over duplication.**

Drawing on my background in treaty body reporting, policy drafting, and capacity-building, I help ensure that governments, NGOs, and international organizations collaborate effectively rather than duplicating efforts.

## ■ Professional Expertise and Experience

I believe my professional journey equips me to be a constructive contributor to the IPHRC:

### • Leadership in National Human Rights Institution:

As First Deputy Director of Uzbekistan's National Human Rights Center, I have overseen multiple **analytical and policy initiatives** from drafting the **National Human Rights Strategy to monitoring vulnerable groups' rights**. This hands-on experience equips me to offer **targeted technical advice** to member states seeking similar reforms.

### • Academic Contributions and Education:

Serving as a **Professor of Human Rights** has allowed me to help **mainstream human rights education** at the national level. I have authored over **200** scientific and educational publications on **constitutional law, international law, good governance, and the protection of marginalized communities**.

### • International Collaborations and Dialogue:

My direct participation in **UN treaty body reviews, OIC-IPHRC sessions, OSCE/ODIHR events, and other global human rights platforms** has deepened my appreciation for the value of **mutual understanding, capacity-building, and consensus-driven policymaking** within and beyond the OIC.

## ■ Priority Areas of Contribution

If given the honor to serve in a personal capacity on the IPHRC, I will focus on the following key areas:

### • Women, Children and Youth Rights

First, I will promote forward-looking policies that strengthen women's empowerment and protect the interests of children and youth by ensuring that they have access to comprehensive social, educational and legal support.

Furthermore, I will advance legislation and practices that promote equity in families and public institutions, creating a society in which people of all ages and genders can thrive.

### • Countering Faith-Based Prejudice and Discrimination

• Second, I will collaborate on practical initiatives to address misrepresentations and biases aimed at OIC societies, while encouraging deeper partnerships to combat any form of hate speech or faith-based injustice.

### • Right to Development and Socioeconomic Equity

• Third, I will promote a comprehensive approach to human rights, ensuring that economic, social, and cultural dimensions are integral to OIC programs.

• I will share successful strategies on reducing poverty, widening access to education, and improving resource allocation.

### • Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Rights

• Fourth, I will advocate responsible use of AI technologies, calling for frameworks that respect privacy, data protection, and broad digital rights.

• I will encourage meaningful engagement with experts and stakeholders so that AI tools serve human rights rather than threaten them.

### • Ecology, Climate Change and Human Rights

• Fifth, I will draw attention to the crucial link between environmental stewardship and dignity, highlighting how climate-related harm can undermine fundamental freedoms and opportunities.

• I will urge Member States to adopt sustainable policies, invest in clean energy, and reinforce measures aimed at risk reduction in the face of environmental crises.

### • Capacity-Building and Technical Cooperation

• Finally, I will work to expand training programs and advisory missions, helping OIC Member States align their legislation and institutions with the best practices informed by shared cultural values and internationally recognized human rights standards.

**IPHRC is at the forefront of building a harmonious bridge between Islamic principles and universal human rights standards – a mission that is very much in line with my own professional path and aspirations. If entrusted with a seat on this esteemed Commission, I will work in co-operation with fellow Commissioners to:**

- ❖ Enhance synergies between OIC bodies and international stakeholders,
- ❖ Promote evidence-based policymaking, drawing on best practices of innovation at the national level, and
- ❖ Advance the mandate of the IPHRC to protect the dignity and rights of all people in the OIC community.

I stand ready to serve with dedication, impartiality and respect for the shared values of the OIC and its Member States.

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## MIRZATILLO TILLABAEV (UZBEKISTAN)

### Date and Place of Birth

- 10 December 1976, Uzbekistan

### Languages

➤ Fluent in **Russian** and **English** Intermediate in German.

### Current Positions

➤ **First Deputy Director** of the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (since February 2019)

### Educational Qualifications

- **2022:** Diploma of Professor in Human Rights, Supreme Attestation Commission of Uzbekistan
- **2019:** Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in International Law, University of World Economy and Diplomacy
- **2005:** Ph.D. in International Law, Tashkent State Institute of Law
- **1997:** Diploma in Jurisprudence, University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Department of International Law)
- **2010:** Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Fergana Polytechnic Institute

### Additional specialized courses in Human Rights and Governance:

- Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden, 2001)
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark, 1998)
- WIPO Academy Distance Learning (2013)
- Peking University, Good Governance Programs (China, 2024)

### Professional Background

➤ **First Deputy Director, National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (2019–Present)**

- Oversees policy and legal advice on human rights cooperation, including analytical and national reports for UN bodies.
- Coordinates international relations, organizes major international events, and liaises with foreign partners.
- Monitors the rights of vulnerable groups and supervises national reporting to UN treaty bodies.

➤ **Director, Lawyers' Training Center under the Ministry of Justice (2017–2018)**

- Managed the Center's operations, including international relations, staff supervision, and academic programs.

➤ **First Deputy Director, Lawyers' Training Center under the Ministry of Justice (2012–2017)**

- Led educational and research activities, supervised curricula, and ensured quality standards in legal training programs.

➤ **Head of International Cooperation Department, National Human Rights Center (2009–2013)**

- Advised on policy and legal frameworks for human rights collaboration; prepared analytical reports to UN entities.

➤ **Head of Chair on Constitutional Law, Lawyers' Training Center (2008–2012)**

- Taught courses on Human Rights and International Law; organized seminars and judicial trainings on human rights.

➤ **Associate Professor, UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, University of World Economy and Diplomacy (2006–2018)**

- Lectures on Human Rights, International Law, International Humanitarian Law, and European Law.
- Prepares syllabi and textbooks, conducts research on case studies related to human rights protections.

➤ **Senior Legal Adviser, Parliamentary Ombudsman for Human Rights (1997–2009)**

- Investigated human rights complaints and provided policy advice.
- Drafted analytical reports, monitored human rights implementation, and engaged in international cooperation.

### Membership of Professional Bodies

- Member of the International Editorial Board of the journal *Democratization and Human Rights*
- Co-founder of the NGO *Institute of Democracy and Human Rights* (since 2004)
- Member of the Uzbek Association of International Law (since 2000)
- Member of the Scientific Councils of the Constitutional Court, the Law Enforcement Academy, and the Arbitrary Courts Associations.

### Selected Publications

**Author of more than 200 scientific works** on human rights, international law, democracy, and regional issues. Key publications include:

1. *Constitution of Uzbekistan and National Human Rights Institutions*. Tashkent, 2024.
2. *International and National Mechanism of the Child Rights Protection*. Tashkent, 2023.
3. *International Law. Textbook*. Tashkent: UWED, 2022.
4. *International Human Rights Monitoring. Manual*. Tashkent, 2018.
5. *Human Rights. Textbook*. Tashkent, 2013.
6. *International Human Rights Protection Mechanism*. Tashkent, 2009.
7. *National Human Rights Institution: International, Foreign, and National Practice*. Monograph. Tashkent: Adolat, 2008

### Awards and Recognitions

1. **Memorial Signs** (15th, 20th, 25th Anniversaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan) for distinguished contributions on Independence Day.

2. **Memorial Sign for the 30th Anniversary of the Constitution** of Uzbekistan, awarded by the President.

3. **National Contest Winner** (2012) for authoring the best textbooks and teaching materials.

4. **Thank-You Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** for active contributions to scientific research and the educational process at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy.