
FINAL DRAFT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REPORTEDLY READY IN UZBEKISTAN

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Theres still no date for the referendum, but its clear Uzbekistans government is gearing up to push forward its desired constitutional update.

Consultations continue regarding amendments to Uzbekistan constitution, but on March 6 a final draft was reportedly prepared.

Uzbekistan embarked rather disastrously on a constitutional revision process last year with the late June release of a draft that included, among other controversial provisions, the scrapping of the Karakalpak Republics autonomous status and most critically its constitutional right to secede. The original release of the draft envisioned a 10-day period of public comment, but events quickly overtook plans. Protests erupted in Nukus, Karakalpakstans capital. The protests were suppressed and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev flew to the region to personally announce the scrapping of those particular provisions.

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