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The position of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the situation in Ukraine and the Crimean issue

The attitude of Uzbekistan to the events in Ukraine laid out in the Statement of the Information Agency «Jahon» of March 4, 2014 remains unchanging.

The Republic of Uzbekistan, proceeding from the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and norms of international law, firmly and invariably adheres to the position on «settling the international disputes by peaceful means, refraining in international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state».

These principle targeted tasks have been reflected in the Constitutional Law «On the Concept of the Foreign Policy Activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan» which defines the main priorities of our policy at the modern stage.

Uzbekistan has adhered to these principles with regard to the same international problems and intends to stick to them also in the future.

Along with this, in our opinion, taking into account in the long run the hard-to-predict perspectives of the events now unfolding in Ukraine and the Crimea, and based on the century-long closeness of the Ukrainian and Russian people, historically formed commonness of spiritual and cultural values, and their economic ties the only reasonable way out is to hold the direct bilateral negotiations to seek the mutually acceptable compromise settlement of problems.

Having said that, the more time is missed, the more contradictions arise and the situation is exacerbated.

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STATEMENT OF THE INFORMATION AGENCY «JAHON» ON THE EVENTS IN UKRAINE

The events taking place in Ukraine, which have led to serious complication of the situation and confrontation, and may lead to yet more escalation of tension and hard-to-predict consequences, create the real threats to sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country cannot but arouse a deep alarm and concern in Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan sees the resolution of the unfolded situation, above all, in denial to apply force options and in using the political tools and efforts to address the emerged problems by peaceful means, by way of negotiations based on fundamental norms of international law and the United Nations Charter.

Uzbekistan expresses hope that the maximum restraint and wisdom will be shown for the soonest achievement of accord between parties involved in the conflict process in Ukraine.

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