Akmal Kholmatovich Saidov (Uzbekistan)

Date and place of birth: 11 October 1958, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Working languages: Excellent command of Uzbek, Russian, English and French.

Current position or function

The First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Director of the National Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights.

Main professional activities

Senior researcher and Head of Department at the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (1985–1989), President of the Committee of the Youth Organization of Uzbekistan (1989–1991), Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (1991–1992), Founder and Director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Researches attached to the President of Uzbekistan (1992–1993), Rector of the Tashkent State Law Institute(1993–1994), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to France and Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan at the UNESCO (1994–1996), Director of the National Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (1996–present), Director of the Centre for Public Opinion Research "Ijtimoiy Fikr" (1997–1998), Founder and Chair-holder of the UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Peace, Democracy, Tolerance and International Understanding at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent (1999–2010), full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (since 2017), Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the Development of Civil Society under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (2018–2020), Member of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (2018–2021), Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (2019–2020), Vice-chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (2020–2021), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups "Uzbekistan-Belgium"; "Uzbekistan-France"; "Uzbekistan-Japan"; "Uzbekistan-Turkey"; "Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan" (since 2020).

Education

Graduated from the Tashkent State Law Institute (1981), Ph.D. Dissertation in Comparative Law (1984), Doctoral Dissertation on Comparative Law Other main activities in the field of human rights (1990).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

He additionally serves as the Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He is recognized as a distinguished legal scholar and statesman within Uzbekistan, with extensive expertise in international human rights law, constitutional and parliamentary law, international law, and comparative law. He is renowned for his contributions to literature, authoring several notable books in the field. Currently, he is honored as a full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and a corresponding member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. His distinguished contributions have earned him the diplomatic rank of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Representative, accompanied by the status of a minister. Until now, he led the delegation of Uzbekistan in the submission of reports to the UN Charter and treaty bodies.

Most recent publications in the field

Over 300 works, including books, have been published under his name in areas such as international human rights law, parliamentary law, and comparative law. He has been a notable presenter at over 100 global conferences, encompassing UN Human Rights Council sessions, UN treaty body gatherings, and seminars hosted by UN OHCHR, OSCE, and OIC IPHRC. He leads as the Editor-in-Chief for the "Public Opinion. Human Rights" and "Democratization and Human Rights" Journals based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Additionally, he holds a position on the International Editorial Committees for Journals from the UK, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.