



## GLOBAL CHARACTERISTICS OF DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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**Abstract:** *This article examines the main global characteristics of decision-making processes in international organizations, their significance in contemporary diplomacy, and provides a comparative analysis of foreign practices alongside Uzbekistan's participation. Using the UN, the European Union, the SCO, and other international institutions as examples, the paper outlines decision-making methods such as multilateral negotiation, consensus-building, voting weight, and legal mechanisms. Uzbekistan's international initiatives and its active engagement in regional cooperation are assessed as an important part of global decision-making dynamics.*


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International organizations constitute the core of the global governance system and serve as the primary institutional arena for cooperation and coordination among states. The decision-making process directly affects the effectiveness, scope of influence, and overall stability of international relations.

Today, it is almost impossible to achieve effective solutions to global challenges—security threats, economic crises, environmental issues, migration, energy, and digital transformation—without the participation of international organizations. In this article, we analyze how traditional decision-making models shaped in the twentieth century are adapting to the changing global environment of the twenty-first century, and to what extent Uzbekistan's active participation is developing in comparison with foreign experience.

First, on universal platforms such as the United Nations, decision-making is based on multilateral negotiations, consensus, and the balancing of state interests. In the UN Security Council, the veto power of permanent members determines the political nature of global decisions. In the European Union, decision-making is highly legalized, its institutional system is extremely developed, and decisions are implemented according to the principle of proportionality. In institutions such as the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, voting is weighted—meaning that a state's voting power depends on its economic share. The functional characteristics of specialized organizations are a key factor shaping their decision-making models.

Second, global decision-making relies heavily on bureaucratic procedures, expert assessments, required statistical data, and norms of international law. In the current era, digital diplomacy, the use of artificial intelligence, real-time analysis, and online



communication formats are accelerating decision-making in international organizations. In particular, during the COVID-19 pandemic, institutions such as the WTO, the UN, and the WHO introduced online meetings and digital monitoring platforms.

Uzbekistan's participation in international organizations has entered a new stage in recent years. The country has intensified its activity within the UN, OSCE, SCO, OIC, EAEU, and the Organization of Turkic States, increasing its contribution to both regional and global decision-making. In particular, Uzbekistan's initiatives on water security, transboundary cooperation, peace in Afghanistan, transport logistics, green energy, and sustainable development are receiving broad support. This indicates that Uzbekistan has become more active as a subject of international decision-making processes.

Compared with foreign experience, Uzbekistan is pursuing a constructive stance in decision-making, emphasizing mutually beneficial approaches and the principle of "positive diplomacy." While the European Union, as an integrated institution, relies on internal legal mechanisms, regional organizations such as the SCO make decisions primarily on the basis of consensus. Uzbekistan's participation in global discussions across various formats—drawing on consensus diplomacy and a multi-vector foreign policy—contributes to strengthening the country's international standing.

At the same time, in cooperation with international organizations, Uzbekistan places national interests, economic development priorities, and regional stability at the center of its agenda. The global characteristics of decision-making—multi-level governance, competition of interests, the interdependence of regional policies, and the growing dominance of digital diplomacy tools—create new opportunities and responsibilities for Uzbekistan as well.

**Conclusion:** Decision-making in international organizations represents a complex interplay of multilateral interests, political relationships, and institutional mechanisms. Global experience shows that consensus, legal procedures, and weighted voting systems can each deliver effective outcomes depending on the organization. In recent years, Uzbekistan's participation in international organizations has expanded, and the country is increasingly becoming an initiator of discussions on global and regional decisions. This process reflects greater openness and pragmatism in foreign policy, as well as growing international influence. In the future, digital diplomacy, strategic cooperation platforms, and deeper institutional participation are expected to further strengthen Uzbekistan's role in international decision-making processes.





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