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# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

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#### ANNOTATION

International Children's Day is celebrated annually in more than 30 countries around the world and is one of the oldest international holidays. In Uzbekistan, International Children's Day is celebrated annually, as well as throughout the world, this holiday is very loved in our country. International Children's Day has its own flag. On a green background, symbolizing growth, harmony, freshness and fertility, stylized figures are placed around the sign of the Earth - red, yellow, blue, white and black. These human figures symbolize diversity and tolerance. The sign of the Earth, placed in the center, is a symbol of our common home.

Its main goal is to protect the rights, life and health of children, to draw public attention to real children's problems. This idea is directly present in the name of the holiday.

In fact, in the depths of the protection of the rising young generation lies the preservation of life, its duration. And every concern for it is considered a solid foundation for the development of the country. One of the wise men said: "The future of a nation can be known by looking at its children." The care rendered today to the young generation is considered an important factor for educating them to be devoted to the Motherland, physically and spiritually developed people.

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Various fun and cultural events are held in all countries of the world on this day: children's concerts, competitions, exhibitions, festivals of colors, sports competitions, children can take part in creative master classes in pottery, dance, robotics, etc. Children paint with colorful crayons asphalt, clear sun and flowering meadows - everything that lives in a child's imagination, and that is understandable without words to every little citizen of any country. In our country, traditionally on this day, all children's parks work in a festive mode: rides are free for children, and kids are treated to ice cream, drinks, and sweets.

The decision to celebrate Children's Day was made in 1925 at the World Conference in Geneva on the welfare of children. The holiday itself was officially established in November 1949 in Paris by the decision of the Congress of the International Democratic Federation of Women. After the Second World War, when the problems of maintaining the health and well-being of children were more urgent than ever, many of them lost their parents and shelter, so they were forced to live on the street, beg or steal. Some of the kids died of hunger, some of diseases. And of course, such a situation could not fail to attract the attention of caring people.

At this congress, the slogan of the constant struggle for ensuring peace on earth, which is a guarantee of a happy life for children, was sounded. And they began to celebrate the holiday as early as next year: in 1950, events dedicated to this day were held in 51 countries of the world.

The UN supported this initiative and declared the protection of the rights, life and health of children one of the priorities of its activities. The declaration on the rights of children, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1959, reflects the freedom and equal rights of children in the field of upbringing, education, social security, physical and spiritual development, regardless of skin color, nationality, social origin, property status, etc.

The first and main international legal document, in which the rights of the child were considered at the level of international law, was the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the UN on November 20, 1989. The convention was signed by 61 countries on July 13, 1990.

It contains international requirements and a number of proposals - countries around the world must protect the rights of children.

Children in different countries face different challenges. Thus, in Europe and America, the negative impact of television and the Internet is considered a big problem. But in the countries of Africa and Asia, children are threatened by hunger, AIDS, military conflicts and illiteracy. Children are dying there from a lack of doctors and medicines. Not surprisingly, in such countries, the

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infant mortality rate is many times higher. In addition, they do not receive the necessary education due to the lack of educational institutions. In some countries, children are used as free labor and even sold into slavery.

Unfortunately, the health of children around the world is deteriorating. All this is due to poor environmental conditions, as well as malnutrition, a lot of stress in the modern world. Over the past decade, the number of children suffering from various mental disorders has increased significantly. Among children and adolescents, cases of aggression, vandalism and suicide have become more frequent. It is no secret that children in the modern world are very early accustomed to smoking, begin to use alcoholic beverages and drugs. The number of juvenile drug addicts is constantly growing.

The problem of abandoned children and orphans is very acute for many countries today. Our country is no exception. Our orphanages are overcrowded, children are abandoned, and parents are often deprived of parental rights because of their antisocial lifestyle - drunkenness, drug addiction, etc. Not all children know what life is like in a normal complete family, when there is a mom and dad who sincerely love you.

The State Inspectorate for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare pays special attention to the issues of creating a favorable living environment for children, providing children with high-quality and safe food and children's products. One of the most important are the issues of catering for students in educational institutions, since they are directly related to maintaining the health of children and adolescents.

Gospotrebnadzor is carrying out large-scale work to update the normative documents regulating sanitary and epidemiological requirements in the field of childhood. New sanitary and epidemiological requirements have been developed and implemented for preschool educational organizations, preschool groups located in residential premises of the housing stock, organizations of additional education. The requirements for the conditions and organization of training in educational institutions have been updated. Sanitary and epidemiological rules and regulations for tent camps, SanPiNs for stationary organizations for recreation and health improvement of children, requirements for the transportation of children by rail have been developed and implemented.

Gospotrebnadzor specialists, together with experts from the Association of Children's Goods Industry Enterprises, advise consumers on the quality and safety of children's clothing, footwear, toys, as well as current regulatory hygiene requirements for this category of goods.

The actions of modern state bodies are aimed at improving the situation with children around the world. Thus, thanks to the active and successful activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the children's situation has significantly improved over the past ten years, 100,000 children's lives have been saved, and millions of children have been able to have a decent childhood.

Attracting the attention of the general public to the problems of children, protecting their rights, enabling them to live in a protected world, have a happy childhood and grow up to become full and peaceful citizens of their country is the main task of Children's Day.

All over the world, including in Uzbekistan, there are charitable foundations that carry out various actions aimed at improving the lives of children, designed to help and support orphans and disabled children. They raise funds to help lonely children around the world, to help them gain at least a little of what they were deprived of at birth or during the years of their still short life. After all, every child has the right to a happy childhood. It is necessary to show your own child how much his parents love him, it is even more important to tell that not all children live happily, and together with him to take part in some kind of charity event, donate clothes, books and toys to the orphanage. And, most importantly, you need to teach your own child not only to be happy, but also to make those around you happy.

UNICEF was founded in 1946. The main purpose of its creation was to help children who suffered during the Second World War. Since 1953, this organization began to provide charitable assistance to children around the world who find themselves in a difficult life situation. Particular attention is paid to children from disadvantaged and developing countries. She has been working in Russia since 1997. It should be noted that this organization in terms of funding is completely dependent only on voluntary donations. We must clearly understand that with the opening of each new school, children's clinic, hospital, orphanage, the future of the entire planet is being built.

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International Children's Day is a reminder to adults of the need to respect the rights of children to life, to freedom of opinion and religion, to education, recreation and leisure, to protection from physical and psychological violence, to protection from the exploitation of child labor as necessary conditions for the formation of a humane and a just society.

Thus, in fact, in the depths of the protection of the rising young generation lies the preservation of life, its duration. And every concern for it is considered a solid foundation for the development of the country. One of the wise men said: "The future of a nation can be known by looking at its children." The care rendered today to the young generation is considered an important factor for educating them to be devoted to the Motherland, physically and spiritually developed people.

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