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# THE PRINCIPLE OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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### **ABSTRACT:**

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Introduction. The determining condition for the effectiveness of the activities of the internal affairs bodies and the recognition by society of their social mission, the quintessence of which is law enforcement, is the openness and transparency of the functioning of this institution. This thesis has a strong connection with the universal provisions enshrined by the English police reformer R. Peel in his famous 9 principles defining the features of law enforcement in the field of policing activities. In accordance with the provision of the second principle: "the ability of the police to perform their duties depends on the factor of public confidence in the need for the existence of the police, its actions and behavior" [1, p. 33]. The above is directly related to the activities of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter - the Department of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan), some of whose employees are trained as trainees in educational organizations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan, including

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issues of ensuring openness and transparency, allows for a more substantive focus on identifying common, special and singular in the process of organizing the pedagogical process with this category of listeners.

The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 16, 2016 No. ZRU-407 "On internal affairs bodies" applies the principle of openness and transparency of activities ATS is fixed in Article 9 [3]. Based on the normative provisions of this article:

- 1. The activities of the Department of Internal Affairs are carried out openly and transparently, in cooperation with government agencies, citizens' self-government bodies, other organizations and citizens, as well as with the media.
- 2. Individuals and legal entities have the right, in accordance with the procedure established by law, to receive reliable information about the activities of the Department of Internal Affairs, as well as directly affecting the rights and legitimate interests of individuals and legal entities, with the exception of information access to which is limited by law.
- 3. ATS provide access to information about their activities in accordance with the procedure established by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 5, 2014. No. ZRU-369 "On the openness of the activities of public authorities and management" [4]. In accordance with Article 4 of the said Law, the basic principles of openness in the activities of public authorities and management are:
  - a) the accessibility, timeliness and reliability of the information provided by them;
  - b) transparency and transparency of their activities;
- c) freedom to search, receive and disseminate information about the activities of public authorities and management;
- d) respect for the rights and legitimate interests of citizens to protect against attacks on their honor and dignity, interference in their private life, as well as the rights of citizens and legal entities to protect their business reputation when providing information about the activities of public authorities and management.

Based on the normative provisions of Article 9, the sources of information on the activities of public authorities and management are:

- a) official publications of public authorities and management;
- b) speeches and statements by heads of state authorities and management bodies, as well as officials authorized by them;
  - c) messages from information services of public authorities and management bodies;
  - d) materials of the official websites of public authorities and management;
  - e) media materials.

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Along with the above, sources of information on the activities of public authorities and management may be other sources in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In order to ensure the implementation of the mentioned Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 5, 2014. No. ZRU-369, as well as increasing the openness and transparency of the activities of internal affairs bodies in the field of execution of sentences related to deprivation of liberty, the Cabinet of Ministers of the country approved the "List of information in the field of execution of sentences related to deprivation of liberty subject to declassification" [5]. The essential aspects of the implementation of the principle of openness and publicity in the activities of the Department of Internal Affairs are illustrated on the official website The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in the section "Press Service" (news, media library, open data, etc.) [6].

Summarizing the above, we consider it necessary to formulate the following conclusions. Firstly, the adoption of the principle of openness and transparency in the activities of Uzbek police departments corresponds to the provisions of international standards, which prescribe police institutions to strengthen their functional ties with

society and ensure the necessary level of public confidence in the national health system.

Secondly,the considered legal paradigm of regulatory regulation in the field of openness and transparency in the activities of the Department of Internal Affairs Uzbekistan testifies to the high-quality "elaboration" of the noted issue, which creates the necessary legal prerequisites for ensuring the proper level of democracy development in the country, and as a result, increasing the effectiveness of the Department of Internal Affairs in the areas of protecting the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens, protecting public order and ensuring public safety, as well as combating crime and terrorism.

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