

**Decree of the President of Turkmenistan
“On ensuring religious freedoms of citizens in Turkmenistan”**

The Constitution of Turkmenistan guarantees the freedom of religion as integral part of the civic and political rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen. Turkmenistan fully observes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, the International Pact on Civic and Political rights of 1976, the Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination on the Basis of Religion and Beliefs of 1981 and other international documents and ensures the implementation of international norms on observing the religious rights and freedoms of citizens, at the same time ensuring the harmony of existing in Turkmenistan religious confessions.

Noting historically established relationship of respect for citizens' religious freedom and in strict compliance with international norms and principles in the field of the freedom of conscience, I resolve:

1. To ensure registration of religious organizations and groups in the territory of Turkmenistan in compliance with international norms and rules.
2. To register religious groups of citizens in the territory of Turkmenistan regardless of their number, confession and religion.
3. The Ministry of Adalat (Justice) is to effect this decree from the day of its publication.