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Letter dated 28 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you a non-paper on the presidential decree to pardon citizens of Uzbekistan (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 70.

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Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 28 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Decree by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the pardoning of a group of individuals serving prison sentences who have shown genuine remorse for their actions and have firmly embarked on the path of reform

In anticipation of the celebration of holy Ramadan Hayit (Eid al-Fitr), as a powerful demonstration of the noble qualities of the Uzbek people, such as kindness, magnanimity, humanism and mercy, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a Decree on the pardoning of a group of individuals serving prison sentences who have shown genuine remorse for their actions and have firmly embarked on the path of reform.

Those who have been pardoned include 16 individuals who are being fully released from serving their main sentence, 101 who are being granted early release from serving their sentence, subject to conditions, and 24 whose sentences are being commuted. In addition, the length of sentences involving deprivation of liberty is being reduced for 117 people.

The pardoned individuals include 7 men who are over 60 years of age, 1 woman, 7 foreign nationals and 164 persons who have participated in the activities of prohibited organizations.

Pursuant to the Decree, relevant government Ministries and departments have been instructed to return the pardoned individuals to their families and loved ones, assist them in their social reintegration, and encourage them to undertake useful work, choose a healthy lifestyle and play a respectable role in society.
