

## Statement of Political Movement “Group 24”

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#### **Rule of Law: Laws and Procedures should Apply Fairly and Equally to All Citizens**

Democracy is a system of rule by laws, not individuals. In a democracy, *the* rule of law protects the rights of citizens, maintains order, and limits the power of government. All citizens are equal under the law. No one may be discriminated against on the basis of their race, religion, ethnic group, or gender. No one may be arrested, imprisoned, or exiled arbitrarily. No one may be denied their freedom without a fair and public hearing by an impartial court. No one may be taxed or prosecuted except by a law established in advance. No one is above the law, not even a king or an elected president. The law is fairly, impartially, and consistently enforced, by courts that are independent of the other branches of government.

Tajikistan by constitution is a democratic, secular state and based on the rights, but unfortunately the above arguments are limited by the regime. Because of dictatorship. Since 1992 the constitution of Tajikistan was changed three times by Rahmonov's well. After the last amendments to the constitution of Tajikistan on 22 of May 2016, and accepting “the role of Leader of the nation” the remain laws and judiciary system crack down. The role gives Emamali Rahmonov unlimited presidential power and inviolable to talk about his governor and his family. Behind this role his decision become over the constitution and nobody will be able to against him.

Judiciary system in the country is under Rahmonov's control and without his assessment there will be no implement any constitutional law. As a result many innocent citizens condemned without any reason. Especially member and followers of the political parties. So judiciary system is not independence at all, as Rahmonov's choice is above every things.

Whenever Emamali Rahmonov's regime is on power there will be no any democratic law and well of citizens. Since his repression many democratic parties, institutions and association were banded and their founder, members were detained and arbitrary exiled. For example Mahmadrusi Iskandarov founder of “Democratic party” sentenced for 23 year.

In my conclusion invite whole democratic institutions and concerned authority of OSCE and other organization to focus on the issue and give alternative way of solution for the issue.

Thanks for attention.