**On measures to implement the State of the Nation Address to the People of Kazakhstan dated March 16, 2022, “New Kazakhstan: The Path of Renewal and Modernisation”**

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Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 847 dated March 29, 2022

In order to implement the State of the Nation Address to the People of Kazakhstan dated March 16, 2022, “New Kazakhstan: The Path of Renewal and Modernisation”, [I DECREE:](https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/K22002022_1#z1)

      1. To approve the attached National Action Plan to Implement the State of the Nation Address to the People of Kazakhstan dated March 16, 2022 “New Kazakhstan: the Path of Renewal and Modernisation” (hereinafter - the National Plan).

      2. The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

      1) to ensure the rigorous and timely implementation of the measures of the National Plan and systematically raise public awareness on the provisions of the State of the Nation Address;

      2) submit a report on the implementation of the National Plan to the Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan by January 25 of the year following the reporting year.

      3. The first heads of state bodies directly subordinate and accountable to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, central and local executive bodies, and other state bodies to ensure the rigorous and timely implementation of measures of the National Plan.

      4. To assign the monitoring of the implementation of this Decree to the Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

      5. This Decree shall enter into force from the date of its signing.

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| *President of the  Republic of Kazakhstan* | *Kassym-Jomart Tokayev* |

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|  | APPROVED  by the Decree of the President of the Republic  of Kazakhstan No. 847  dated March 29, 2022. |

**NATIONAL ACTION PLAN   
 to implement the State of the Nation Address to the people of Kazakhstan dated March 16, 2022 “New Kazakhstan: the Path of Renewal and Modernisation”**

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| No. | Name | Outcome | Agencies in charge | Implementation deadline |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **I. On the powers of the President** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Legislating the following: the obligation of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to terminate his/her membership in a political party for the period of their term of office; prohibition for the close family of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to hold positions of political civil servants and managers in the quasi-public sector; suspension of the right of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to cancel or suspend acts of akims of regions, cities of republican significance and the capital; abolition of the right of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to dismiss akims of districts, cities of regional significance, city districts, cities of district significance and villages. | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President, the Government | April 2022         June 2022 |
|  | akims of districts, cities of regional significance, city districts, cities of district significance, villages, settlements, rural districts. | Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan   Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government, CEC | August 2022     December 2022 |
| 2. | Introducing into the legislation a provision on mandatory withdrawal from the party of the chairpersons and members of the Central Election Commission, the Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget and the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan   Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of | The Administration of the President, the Government  the Government, CEC, AC, CC | April 2022  June 2022  August 2022 |
|  |  | Kazakhstan, Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan |  | December 2022 |
| 3. | Prohibiting by law akims and their deputies from holding positions in party branches. | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government | August 2022  December 2022 |
| **II. Reformatting the representative branch of government** |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | Reviewing the process of formation and a number of functions of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including: reducing the presidential quota in the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 15 to 10 MPs;  establishing the right of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan to recommend candidates for 5 out of 10 deputies of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan appointed by the presidential quota;  establishing the right of the Senate only to approve or reject laws that have already been adopted by the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan; | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of | the Administration of the President, the Government | April 2022  June 2022 |
|  | supplementing the powers of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan with the right to approve candidates for the posts of Chairpersons of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan | Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan  a Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government, CEC, CC, SJC | August 2022  December 2022 |
| 5. | Reducing the number of parliamentary seats in the Mazhilis of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan by abolishing the quota of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan. Establishing the right of the Mazhilis of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan the right to adopt laws | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President, the Government    the Government, CEC | April 2022  June 2022  August 2022  December 2022 |
| 6. | Strengthening parliamentary control over the quality of execution of the national budget, establishing the right of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan to receive reports of the Chairman of the Supreme Audit Chamber twice a year. Transforming the Accounts Committee for Control over the Execution of the Republican Budget into the Supreme Audit Chamber | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President, the Government the Government, AC | April 2022  June 2022  August 2022  December 2022 |
| 7. | Developing amendments to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan regulating the right of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to submit on an alternative basis at least two candidates for the posts of akims of regions, cities of republican significance and the capital, as well as the introduction of the post of chairperson of the maslikhat | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government | August 2022  December 2022 |
| **III. Improvement of the electoral system** |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | Switching to a mixed electoral system to allow citizens to be elected, with the introduction of an imperative mandate for MPs elected under the majoritarian system:  30% of members of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan - on a majoritarian system, 70% - on a proportional basis system;   50% of members of maslikhats of regions, cities of republican significance and the capital - on the majoritarian system, 50% - on a proportional system;  members of maslikhats of districts and cities - on the majoritarian system | A Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan A Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  A Draft  Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan A Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | The Administration of the President, the Government the Government,  AC | April 2022  June 2022  August 2022     December 2022 |
| **IV. Expanding opportunities for the development of the party system** |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | Simplifying registration procedures for political parties, including:  reducing the threshold for the registration of political parties from 20,000 to 5,000 people; reducing the minimum required number of people at regional branches of political parties from 600 to 200 individuals;  reducing the requirements for the minimum number of citizens' initiative group to create a political party from 1,000 to 700 people;  increasing deadlines: deadline for holding the founding congress on the formation of a political party increasing from 2 to 3 months; deadline for forming branches of newly created political parties increasing from 6 to 12 months | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government | August 2022  December 2022 |
| **V. Modernisation of the electoral process** |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | Taking measures to improve  the electoral process, including: allowing campaigning on social networks during the pre-election campaigning, fixing the relevant regulations and rules; legislatively formalising the activities of observers with clearly spelled out rights and a clearly defined area of responsibility; reviewing the principles of the operation of territorial election commissions by transferring them to a professional basis; setting limits on donations to election funds in order to prevent the influence of individuals on the course of elections; preventing any possibility of foreign interference in the elections at the legislative level;  ensuring maximum financial transparency of all participants in election campaigns - candidates, observers, proxies and the media | Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government, CEC, NSC, FMA | August 2022  december 2022 |
| 11. | In order to eliminate the likelihood of double voting, as well as voting at any polling station, consider the feasibility of forming a single electronic voter database | proposals to the Administration of the President | the Government, CEC | August 2022 |
| 12. | Studying the world’s best practices in organizing the electoral process, as well as the use of alternative forms of voting, including electronic, early voting, remote voting, and multi-day voting. | proposals to the Administration of the President | the Government, CEC | August 2022 |
| **VI. Strengthening human rights institutions** |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | Establishing a Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan and granting the right to citizens, the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Human Rights Commissioner in the Republic of Kazakhstan to appeal to it on compliance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan of normative legal acts on issues directly affecting the constitutional rights of citizens | A Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan A Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  A Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President, the Government the Government, PGO, SC, SJC, CC, Commissioner for Human Rights | April 2022  June 2022  August 2022 |
|  |  | Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan |  | December 2022 |
| 14. | Amending the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan accordingly in order to finally establish the decision to abolish the death penalty | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan Draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of | the Administration of the President,  the Government | April 2022  June 2022 |
| 15. | Assigning exclusive responsibility for investigating crimes involving torture to the Prosecutor General’s Office | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan | PGO, the Government | June 2022 |
| 16. | Taking systematic measures to reduce the level of violence in society, including the elaboration of the need to toughen penalties for violence against women and children | Informing the Administration of the President | PGO, the Government, akims of Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Shymkent cities and regions | May 2022 |
| 17. | Developing the draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Human Rights Commissioner in the Republic of Kazakhstan | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan The Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President, the Government | April 2022  June 2022 |
|  |  | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government, Commissioner for Human Rights, PGO | August 2022 |
|  |  | Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan |  | December 2022 |
| 18. | Developing the draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Prosecutor General’s Office | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Administration of the President,  the Government | April 2022 |
|  |  | Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan  draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan Constitutional  Law of the  Republic of Kazakhstan | PGO, the Government | June 2022  August 2022  December 2022 |
| 19. | Taking measures to ensure strict compliance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Procedure for Organizing and Holding Peaceful Assemblies in the Republic of Kazakhstan | Informing the Administration of the President | PGO, the Government, akims of Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Shymkent cities and regions | quarterly until the 10th day of the month following the reporting period, until July 10, 2023 |
| 20. | Introducing online broadcasts of competitive procedures of the Supreme Judicial Council and the publication of detailed, reasoned explanations of their results | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | SJC, the Government | August 2022 December 2022 |
| 21. | Expanding the categories of cases subject to a jury trial | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | SC, PGO, the Government | August 2022 December 2022 |
| **VII. Improving the competitiveness of the media and strengthening the role of civil society institutions** |  |  |  |  |
| 22. | Revising the law on media to take into account the interests of the state, the demands of society, and the trends in the development of the media sphere | Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government | December December |
| 23. | Developing approaches to increase the interaction of the state with civil society aimed at greater involvement of NGOs and experts in the preparation and implementation of reforms, including through open discussions of draft documents of the State Planning System | proposals to the Administration of the President | ASPR, the Government | April 2022 |
| 24. | Establishing the National Kurultai (Congress) continuing the work of the National Council of Public Trust under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the national level | Draft Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan | the Government | April 2022 |
| **VIII. Improvement of the administrative-territorial structure of the country** |  |  |  |  |
| 25. | Establishing the Abai region with the city of Semey as its center | Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan | The Government, Akim of the East Kazakhstan region | June 2022 |
| 26. | Establishing the Ulytau region on the territory of the former Zhezkazgan region with the city of Zhezkazgan as its center | Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan | The Government, Akim of the Karaganda region | June 2022 |
| 27. | Dividing the Almaty region into the Zhetysu region with the city of Taldykorgan as its center and the Almaty region with the city of Kapshagai as its center | Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan | The Government, Akim of the Almaty region | June 2022 |
| 28. | Working out the issue of renaming the city of Kapshagay, taking into account the opinion of the population | Proposals to the Administration of the President | The Government, Akim of the Almaty region | April 2022 |
| 29. | Streamlining civil servants in the offices of akims of regions and cities of republican significance in terms of their reduction depending on the population size in the regions, establishing a limit of no more than three deputy akims (four in exceptional cases) | Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan | The Government, ACSA | July 2022 |
| **IX. Decentralisation of local self-government** |  |  |  |  |
| 30. | Including the separation of the functions of the state and local self-government institutions; mechanism of direct financing of local governments in accordance with best international practices in the Bill of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Local Self-Government in the Republic of Kazakhstan | Proposals to the Administration of the President | the Government | June 2022 |
|  | Expanding the ownership base of local governments; simplifying the procurement procedure at the fourth level of the budget; expanding the powers of maslikhats in terms of local self-government by the population |  |  |  |
| 31. | Considering the ratification of the European Charter of Local Self-Government | Proposals to the Administration of the President | the Government | June 2022 |
| **X. On priority anti-crisis measures** |  |  |  |  |
| 32. | Urgently implementing a comprehensive package of priority anti-crisis measures, including the following: to ensure the stability of the national currency, the purchase of foreign currency by large institutional players only as part of the fulfillment of their contractual obligations, ensuring its supply; working on the issue of increasing sales of export foreign exchange earnings by companies with state participation and the issue with private subsoil users to ensure the sale of their foreign exchange earnings; establishing strict control over compliance with their contractual obligations by second-tier banks exercising control and monitoring over the purchase of foreign currency by their clients | Informing the Administration of the President | The Government, NB, ARDFM | April 2022 |
| 33. | Ensuring the quality of the sowing campaign, including allocating the necessary preferential volume of fuel and lubricants to farmers, checking the preparedness of agricultural machinery, stocks of seeds and fertilizers | Informing the Administration of the President | The Government, the Akims of the regions | 10 June 2022 |
| 34. | Taking measures to prevent shortages and rise in food prices, including forward purchases of agricultural products to state stabilization funds | Informing the Administration of the President | The Government, Akims of Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Shymkent and regions | April, June 2022 |
| 35. | Within the Operational Headquarters for Anti-crisis Measures, developing the approaches for prompt response in the Situation Center mode to the issues of domestic business in regards to emerging socio-economic risks and challenges | Informing the Administration of the President | The Government, Akims of Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Shymkent and regions | April 2022 |
| 36. | Developing a new package of structural reforms in the economy and public administration taking into account the political modernisation strategy | Proposals to the Administration of the President | ASPR, the Government, NB, ACSA, APDC | July 2022 |

**Note:**

**Abbreviations:**  
Human Rights Commissioner - Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan

APDC - Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan

PGO - Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan

AC - Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget

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| SC | - Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| SJC | - Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| CC | - Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| FMA | - Financial Monitoring Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| ARDFM | - Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Regulation and Development of the Financial Market |
| ACSA | - Agency for Civil Service Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| CEC | - Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| The Administration of the President | - Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| ASPR | - Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| The Government | - Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| NB | - National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| NSC | - National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| MIA | - Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan |