

DECLARATION

on the State Sovereignty of the Tatar Soviet Socialist Republic

The Supreme Soviet of the Tatar Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic,

- aware of its historical responsibility for the fate of the multi-national people of the republic;

- bearing witness to respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples within the Russian Federation and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

- noting a lack of correspondence between status of an autonomous republic and the interests of further political, economic, social and spiritual development of its multi-national people;

- exercising the inalienable right of the Tatar nation, all the people of the republic to self-determination;

- striving toward creation of a democratic rule-of-law state.

1. PROCLAIMS the State sovereignty of Tataria and TRANSFORMS it into the Tatar Soviet Socialist REPUBLIC - Republic of Tatarstan.

2. Land, its minerals, natural riches and other resources on the territory of the Tatar SSR shall be exclusively the property of its people.

3. The Tatar SSR shall guarantee to each citizen, residing on its territory, irrespective of nationality, social origin, religion, political views and other distinctions, equal rights and freedoms. In the Tatar SSR there shall be ensured an equal use of the Tatar and the Russian languages as State languages, preservation and development of the languages of other nationalities.

4. Henceforward, in the Constitution, legal acts and State life there shall be used the name "Tatar Soviet Socialist Republic" ("Tatar SSR" or "Republic of Tatarstan")

The highest agency of State power of the republic shall be named "Supreme Soviet of the Tatar Soviet Socialist Republic", and the acts adopted by it - the acts of the Supreme Soviet of the Tatar Soviet Socialist Republic.

5. The present Declaration shall be the basis for the working out of a Constitution of the Tatar SSR, development of the Tatar SSR legislation, the preparation and conclusion of a Treaty of the Union, treaties with the Russian Federation and other republics, submitting for its people's discussion the most important issues of the State building of the Tatar SSR, its relations with the USSR, the RSFSR and other republics.

The Tatar SSR Constitution and laws shall have the supremacy throughout the entire territory of the Tatar SSR.

6. Until a new Constitution of the Tatar SSR, other laws and legislative acts of the Tatar SSR are adopted, the laws and acts issued by agencies of the Tatar SSR, the RSFSR, and the USSR, which are not contrary to the Declaration on State Sovereignty of the Tatar SSR shall continue to function on the territory of the Tatar SSR.

The present Declaration shall enter into force from the moment of its adoption.

Chairman
of the Supreme Soviet
of the Tatar Soviet Socialist Republic

M. Shaimiev

City of Kazan
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