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The monograph is devoted to a comprehensive study of the key role of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, in shaping the ecological vector of the country's foreign policy. Based on a wide range of sources, official documents, international resolutions, and analytical materials, the research provides an in-depth analysis of the formation of green diplomacy as one of the strategic directions of state policy in the 21st century.

Special attention is given to how the leadership of the Head of State, his ecological worldview, and global initiatives have served as a catalyst for the institutional and conceptual development of Tajikistan's green diplomacy. The focus is placed on issues of water diplomacy, the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals, participation in global climate agreements, glacier protection initiatives, and Tajikistan's role as an initiator of important environmental resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. The study emphasizes that it is precisely due to the strategic course of the Leader of the Nation that Tajikistan has taken an active and respected position within the global environmental agenda. A matter of national pride is the fact that under his leadership the country has become a source of internationally recognized initiatives aimed at preserving natural resources, fostering transboundary water cooperation, and strengthening regional environmental security.

The monograph is intended for specialists in the fields of international relations, diplomacy, environmental policy, and sustainable development, as well as for a broad readership interested in Tajikistan's contemporary foreign policy, its climate diplomacy, and the leadership approaches that promote global environmental solutions.

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PREFACE

In contemporary international relations, environmental issues are assuming an increasingly prominent role, evolving from a secondary aspect of global politics into an integral component thereof. The world is facing unprecedented challenges associated with climate change, the degradation of biological resources, the shrinking of glacier areas, and threats to water and food security. These processes are unfolding in the context of intensifying competition for natural resources, population growth, and urbanization, which further complicate the achievement of sustainable development. All of this generates new demands for international cooperation, necessitates a rethinking of traditional approaches to foreign policy, and calls for the emergence of new instruments of diplomatic engagement, one of which is green diplomacy.

Green diplomacy, as a dimension of foreign policy, reflects a shift from short-term geopolitical interests to long-term strategies focused on environmental sustainability, transboundary natural resource management, and the achievement of global sustainable development goals. This phenomenon represents the aggregate of a state's foreign policy efforts aimed at advancing its national environmental interests, securing international support for the implementation of environmental protection programs, and shaping a positive image of the country as an active participant in the global environmental dialogue. In contemporary world, where diplomacy is becoming increasingly multidisciplinary, green diplomacy plays an important connecting role between international politics, the economy, science, and the environment.

In the Republic of Tajikistan, green diplomacy has acquired significant momentum under the strategic vision and leadership of the President, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon. Under his leadership that a unique foreign policy trajectory has taken shape, grounded in the recognition of the decisive importance of natural resources above all water as a key factor for peace, stability, and regional development. It is no coincidence that Tajikistan, building on the initiative of its Leader, has authored a number of global environmental decisions that have gained recognition from the international community.

One of the most important directions of the state strategy promoted by the Head of State is the positioning of Tajikistan as an initiator of global environmental processes. This is reflected in such significant initiatives as the proclamation of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" (2018-2028), the designation of 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, the establishment of the International Glacier Protection Fund, and the organization of a series of high-level conferences in Dushanbe with the participation of global leaders, scientists, and environmental activists. These achievements are the result of the Leader of the Nation's deeply considered and purposeful diplomacy, grounded in an environmental worldview, scientific rationale, and a humanitarian approach.

Tajikistan's green diplomacy, under the wise leadership of the Leader of the Nation, is regarded not only as a foreign policy instrument but also as a vital

element of the country's internal model of sustainable development. Environmental considerations are embedded in the national strategic documents, including the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period up to 2030, the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period up to 2030, the Green Economy Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2023–2037, among others. This ensures the systemic alignment of the external and internal environmental agendas, contributing to the strengthening of institutional integrity, the mobilization of resources, and the enhancement of Tajikistan's international standing.

The present monograph offers a comprehensive scholarly interpretation of this phenomenon in the context of contemporary international realities. The study analyses the conceptual foundations of green diplomacy, the political and legal mechanisms of its institutionalization, specific international initiatives and diplomatic platforms, drawing on primary sources, analytical materials, and the official statements of the Head of State.

The relevance stems from the fact that, in the context of mounting environmental pressures and global challenges, it is the state's capable of proposing sustainable and morally legitimate international initiatives that gain additional opportunities within the system of international relations. For Tajikistan, endowed with abundant water resources yet marked by high environmental vulnerability, effective green diplomacy paves the way to recognition, partnership, and leadership both in the region and globally.

The purpose of this monograph is to provide a scholarly substantiation of the role of the President, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, in the development of Tajikistan's green diplomacy, to reveal its significance as a strategic instrument of foreign policy, and to analyze the prospects for the country's regional and global environmental leadership. Among the key objectives of the study are the systematization of the conceptual framework, the evaluation of specific initiatives and programs, the analysis of international cooperation, and the identification and formulation of practical recommendations for strengthening diplomatic activity in the field of sustainable development.

The structure of the monograph comprises three chapters. The first chapter is devoted to the theoretical and methodological foundations of green diplomacy as a phenomenon within the system of international relations. The second chapter examines the specific features of the formation and development of Tajikistan's green diplomacy, the role and key initiatives of the Leader of the Nation, as well as the institutional mechanisms involved. The third chapter focuses on analyzing the prospects for strengthening the country's regional leadership in the environmental sphere and on establishing sustainable diplomatic platforms for cooperation.

Therefore, this study is aimed at fostering a deep understanding and a systematic comprehension of the role of the Leader of the Nation in transforming the environmental agenda into a sustainable diplomatic course, intended not only to safeguard national interests but also to contribute to the shaping of a greener and more sustainable world.