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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR PROVISION OF THE STATE SECURITY POLICY

The paper studies the global environment, passing through transformations of global and regional levels, and examines the role and place of Ukraine in search for new strategies of national security. It justifies the necessity of analyzing the architecture of national security in the modern world that should be adapted and must meet the requirements of the system of international relations, which is at the crossroads of civilization, economic, political, and cultural levels of development. The article mentions the need for sustainable development of the countries and regions that are focused on the development of the economic, political, and military relationships due to the economic and political measures. It also emphasizes the need to ensure the development of the social structures that contain synergy three-dimensional models of the strategic partnership application.

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When passing through the transformations of global and regional levels, our country actively searches for new strategies to ensure national security in the global environment. The national security architecture in the modern world should be adapted, as well as it should meet the requirements of the system of international relations since it is situated at the crossroads of the civilization, economic, political, and cultural levels of development. It is sure enough that the permanent level of development of a country or a region can be ensured due to a specific set of measures, aimed at the development of the economic, political, and military relationships. However, the strategic partnership should be also used to provide any kind of development of the social structures that contain the synergetic three-dimensional models. "We agree with the necessity in the renewed global partnership, which will allow usage of the notice, which is available for changes, focused on the people and planet development, as well as realized through the equal partnership of all interested parties. This partnership should be based on the principles of equality, balance, solidarity, respect to a person, and general responsibility in accordance with the everyone's overall capabilities", was mentioned in the report of the High Level Group for the agenda elaboration in the sphere of development for the period after 2015 under the aegis of the UNO during the meeting in Bali on March 27, 2013¹.

It is clear that the deep analysis of the strategic partnership peculiarities as a process and phenomenon in the system of international relations is carried out in the scientific studies, works, and papers of the foreign and domestic researchers. It should also be noted that some researchers conduct a detailed analysis of the partnership security dimensions, but we believe that it is important to study the issues of realization of the strategic partnership as a major element for provision of the state policy or a specific regional association.

The concept of security in the modern global community, as well as the concept of partnership, obtains a much wider and more concentrated meaning due to the emergence of the new type of threats in the global space. The contemporary forms of the growth and spread of these threats include such conflictogenes that cause the emergence of "the hybrid war" despite some novelty of this phenomenon and its originality; such confrontation forms were used in various conflicts to a greater or lesser extent. A lot of researchers believe that the hybrid threats and forms of the military activities already existed in the past military practices².

¹ Коммюнике Группы высокого уровня. *The Secretary-General's High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda*. <http://www.post2015hlp.org>. <<http://www.post2015hlp.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/FinalCommunique-Bali.pdf>> (2017, May, 05)

² Murray, W., Mansoor, P.R. (2012). *Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

First of all, it should be noted that "the hybrid war" is, in fact, a challenge for the system of international relations in the process of globalization, as well as in conditions of formation of the new kind of society. Due to the digital revolutions as a technocratic phenomenon, we came to formation of the new type of public and social life levels, where the unlimited information flow can be accumulated without any restrictions and circulated in social communities at different levels of the global environment. It is clear that the information and the means for its distribution in such circumstances are not only a communications system, but also an element of the population manipulation; correspondingly, this information manipulation and distortion act as an integral part of "the hybrid war". Some military analysts note that the information support can neutralize the technological advantage of any army¹. Thus, it is the information that is one of the first and fundamental elements of "the hybrid war". Hence, all the institutions, associated with the information dissemination and analysis, can also be considered as the conflictogenes forming elements.

At the same time, despite the information component of "the hybrid confrontations", such a unique phenomenon as self-identification acts as a distinguishing element of the security provision in the social environment and political life of many countries. Each person's identification obtains a new level of brightness in the modern globalized space in terms of belonging to certain groups and ethnicity, as well as based on their common cultural, religious, and, especially, linguistic characteristics. Accordingly, we assume that the self-identification is the second but not less important factor in the process of activation of "the hybrid war" because the skillful manipulation with the information flows, change of the population groups' valuable guidelines, and substitution of the values with the account of the peculiarities, trying to find some signs and self-identify in the global environment, are also favorable under the conditions of emergence and spread of conflicts with the activation of "the hybrid war".

Correspondingly, we think that the third element of activation of "the hybrid war" is the form of open aggression, which can be spread over at the local level as the opposition of a particular group of people within the boundaries of a particular region; the conflict can be similarly spread in several directions with the help of the regular military units, it can have the nature of military aggression of one country against another or against several countries, and it can be threatening for the entire system of international relations. "The hybrid threats include many different forms of warfare, which takes into account the standard armament, irregular and regular formations, terrorist acts, and criminal disorders"². However, the strategies for changing the information sources and media are tested before activation of "the hybrid war" for manipulation with the information flows in order to change the population self-identification level and ensure effective waging of "the hybrid opposition".

It is possible to oppose the formation and implementation of the strategies of "the hybrid war" under the conditions of the global space primarily with the help of a number of measures, aimed at ensuring a high level of the information reliability, distributed through the media using the counter-propaganda. As the «Freedom House» rating shows, although relatively improved when compared to 2014 (58 points versus 63 points), the general press freedom situation in Ukraine was still in the group of the "partially free" countries for press in 2015³. All measures for the fight in the information "field" can be implemented using the strategic partnership, which will ensure a high level of the state security policy both at the local and the global levels.

We can see that the strategic partnership study is a key element to ensure a high level of security in the modern globalization strategies at the regional levels. Accordingly, there is quite a small number of researchers' papers, relating to the strategic partnership application as a key element for provision of the security strategies of modern states. Therefore, we think it is important in this context to formalize and make an attempt to conduct a study of the strategic partnership as an integral component for the global environment development that is capable of providing a high level of security and counteraction under the conditions of emergence of different threats, including "the hybrid war".

The means and models of the communication between governments and other institutions that are involved in the process of implementation of the partnership strategies are also a complex element, which influences the achievement of the high level of security in the modern society. Here we primarily mean

¹ Davis, J.R. (2013). Defending Future Hybrid Threats. *Military Review*. Fort Leavenworth, 5, 21–29.

² The origins of the concept of a hybrid war. *Electronic journal «The Bell»* <http://www.thebellforum.com>. <<http://www.thebellforum.com/showthread.php?t=130013>> (2017, May, 15)

³ Freedom of the Press 2015. *Freedom House organization*. www.freedomhouse.org. <<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedompress/freedom-press-2015#.VgzDj5fXmos>> (2017, May, 10)

those types and forms of communication, which are related to cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, and military spheres.

The cooperation and partnership establishment between the countries has certain peculiarities, associated with the geopolitical location, government form, and, correspondingly, conjuncture of requirements of the internal regional and external global environment and reflections, connected with the strategic partnership of individual countries in the specific areas. Accordingly, the regional leading states, while having some claims concerning their participation in the global political and economic processes, demonstrate their relevance on the international arena by establishing the strategic partnership relations¹.

Hence, the partnership, which is based on the political relationships between the neighboring countries, and the partnership between the strategic partners, which are situated at a quire a long distance in the geopolitical space, but have common interests, also differ in the quality and dynamics of these relationships by taking into account the requirements of the system of international relations.

We would like to note quite a high level of the scientific studies **among the researchers** of the security strategies that very rarely study such extraordinary phenomenon as the establishment of the security dimensions in the international relations with the help of the strategic and equal partnership. However, in our opinion, it seems quite relevant to conduct a study of the strategic and equal partnership in the context of provision of the security policies of the states, acting as the leaders in the system of international relations. We used the works of the following domestic researchers when carrying out the study: S. Vidnianskyi, B. Humeniuk, A. Hutsalo, I. Zhovkva, A. Zlenko, Ye. Kaminskyi, B. Kantseliaruk, A. Kruhlov, M. Kulynych, V. Lytvyn, Yu. Makar, Ye. Makarenko, H. Perepelytsia, I. Pohorska, M. Ryzhkov, V. Smolii, B. Tarasiuk, S. Feduniak, V. Chalyi, A. Shevchuk, etc. The works of the following foreign authors also seem to be quite relevant: Z. Brzezinski, S. Garnett, D. Ding, G. Kissinger, S. Kay, P. Cronin, W. Cooper, H. Milner, D. Mitrani, E. Rostow, M. Sariolghalam, K. Sylvester, R. Skidelsky, H. Snyder, A. Wolfers, D. Feit, O. Holst, K. Holst, J. Chekel, and Yu. Yafe. Studies of the security dimensions of the actors in the international relations system should be conducted in the whole spectrum of communications between them, including political, economic, cultural, and, particularly, military features of such relations between the countries in regional and global dimensions.

We consider it appropriate to take as the study objective the strategic partnership as a factor for ensuring a high level of safety between the partner countries and, in general, as a factor for provision of a high level of security in the system of international relations. The threats of the military force usage originate and develop against the background of globalization as a result of existing contradictions in the political, economic, and other spheres of international and national security of individual countries². Therefore, it is topical to study the process of establishing the strategic partnership between the leading actors of the system of international relations and, in particular, it seems quite interesting to consider the concept of the strategic partnership between such countries as the USA, China, and EU.

It is also appropriate to examine those cooperation imperatives that are employed by the leading players in the geopolitical space to achieve a high level of security that guarantees them a sustainable level of development in the political, economic, and military dimensions. Hence, we will consider the strategic partnership with the account of all the constructive and destructive factors, affecting the leading players on the global political chessboard.

When taking into account and analyzing the process of formation of the strategic partnership, we also need to analyze in detail the readiness of different countries in the system of international relations to compromise in order to strengthen the partnership in its security forms as a process, whose architecture is based on the principle of equality. Equality as a method for the strategic partnership formation plays, in our view, a key role in the communications mechanism of the interstate security establishment. When considering security as a key element in the modern world, these are the security imperatives that will be given much attention to in the future due to emergence of the new conflictogenes and challenges in the system of international relations. First of all, we mean emergence of such types of threats as "the hybrid war", which in itself is quite a new and controversial phenomenon, however, except for "the hybrid confrontations", in our opinion, the global environment, as a synergetic structure, will also produce other

¹ Blanko L. Strategic Partnership: a new form of association in International Relations? *World International Studies Committee*. www.wiscnetwork.org. <http://www.wiscnetwork.org/porto2011/papers/WISC_2011-523.pdf> (2017, May, 12)

² Калдор, М. (1999) *Политика новых войн*. Калифорния: Стэнфорд юниверсити пресс, 69-86.

types of threats. Therefore, the study of the strategic partnership will not lose its relevance, but it will gain a new meaning in the transition period, which is the globalization itself that is absorbing the entire world community.

The main country that establishes the architecture and develops the process of globalization in the system of international relations is the USA, with their own ideology of globalism, built on the principles of democratization of the international community. For example, Barack Obama's speech can be the evidence of this: "... We have to seek new markets aggressively, just as our competitors are. If America sits on the sidelines while other nations sign trade deals, we will lose the chance to create jobs on our shores... But realizing those benefits also means enforcing those agreements so our trading partners play by the rules. And that's why we will continue to shape a Doha trade agreement... and we will strengthen our trade relations in Asia and with key partners like South Korea, Panama, and Columbia"¹. Correspondingly, such an approach also allows distribution of the economic model, which is based on the capitalist approach, in the global environment. The economic factors and imperatives of the pro-American globalization version in close conjunction with the political component allow offering their own system of realization of the strategic partnership, which also provides a high level of security of the US partner countries.

It should be noted that Washington maintains the leading position on the international political chessboard thanks to its skillful financial policy, which dictates the dominance of the dollar as the main reserve currency of most countries. One of the main US mechanisms for defending their global goals also includes the active foreign economic diplomacy, which creates the most favorable conditions for strengthening of the competitive positions of the US international companies in the global markets². Accordingly, most countries, including the developing ones and the ones that are in the process of transformation and transit, try to establish close cooperation and partnership with the USA in the context of stability provision when there is an access to the main reserve currency (the dollar), which can guarantee financial security, as well as sustainable economic development.

Thanks to the availability of and access to the economic reserves and investment sites, the USA can provide themselves with a suitable level of leadership at the global levels. It is clear that the desire of most countries, including the countries with the transitional economy, is to ensure their own stable development, which can be achieved through the establishment of security and, in particular, of the economic security. Hence, Washington can provide high level of security for the developing countries and other countries that are at the crossroads of economic development.

Therefore, it is clear that one of the country security components is the level of economic development, which allows establishment and development of the industrial and economic potential, thus providing the required number of working places, which undoubtedly affects the level of the population social development. Thus, when developing the economy and raising the standards of well-being, a successful policy can be also carried out both on the regional and global levels. The USA exerts an influence on most countries that are their strategic partners thanks to the very economic leverages and it should be noted that such an economic "symbiosis" influences the level of democratization in the global space quite productively and qualitatively. It is clear that there are other security dimensions, which are interconnected with the strategic partnership, except the economic security.

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