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## FOREIGN SECURITY OF UKRAINE: ESSENCE AND KEY THREATS

The integration of Ukraine into the world economic system and the new challenges caused by the military, political and social opposition exacerbate the issue of foreign security as a component of economic security.

In domestic and foreign scientific literature the term "foreign security" exists in various interpretations that differ significantly. Defined three major approaches to understanding the term "foreign security": as a component of economic security; implementation of the protective function of the state; ensuring the development of the state as a socio-economic system.

Despite some differences in the interpretation of all scientists noted is the growing importance of foreign security in the economic security of Ukraine at the present stage of its development.

Ensuring necessity to meet the economic interests of every citizen and the country in general, the level of foreign security requires continuous monitoring of socio-economic processes in terms of their impact on the economic security, assessment of strategic programs, regulations in these positions and analysis of the effectiveness of current decisions in the field of economic policy.

Today integration processes, social, economic and political disturbance and military operations require substantial revision set of threats to economic security and a more thorough formation of methodical principles of foreign security providing.

Based on the analytical study concluded that today's threats to the foreign security of Ukraine are:

- Irrational structure of exports, the bulk of which is occupied by raw materials and products with low processing;
- Import dependency and loss of domestic markets, resulting from delivery of complex technological products, the passive policy of its own high-tech production development.

Irrational structure of export, import dependence and loss of domestic market, identified as a threat to the security of foreign Ukraine, require the development and adoption of integrated solutions regarding state regulation of commercial activities, placing the fore achieving public interests in strategic terms.

In further researches should focus on identifying the totality of foreign security threats to Ukraine, their hierarchical organizing and developing mechanisms for the protection and effective response.