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"ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY OF UKRAINE AS A COMPONENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY"

One of the main principles of domestic and foreign policy of Ukraine is the rational use of natural resources and protection of the environment from excessive pollution. Creating favorable living environment is an important priority for people of the present and future generations.

At the national level, our state plays a leading role in the security system, and determines environmental protection as one of the key provisions of the Ukrainian national security policy. It develops an extensive legal framework and executive bodies, supports law enforcement agencies at the level necessary to perform their tasks. Our state also works out a system to prevent negative consequences of environmental and man-made disasters; it provides economic development, political and social stability, participation of opposition parties, NGOs and independent experts in the activities of relevant state structures that provide security and sustainability of Ukrainian society.

The Law of Ukraine "On National Security of Ukraine " states that the national security of Ukraine is the protection of state sovereignty, territorial integrity, democratic constitutional order and other national interests of Ukraine from real and potential threats. National interests of Ukraine are the vital interests of a man, society and the state, the implementation of which provides the state sovereignty of Ukraine, its progressive democratic development, as well as safe living conditions and welfare of its citizens [4]. Article 7 of the Law of Ukraine "On National Security of Ukraine " stipulates that environmental security is an integral part of the national security. Here, along with the environmental safety of national security, it includes the foreign policy, security, military and state borders, internal economic, social, humanitarian, scientific, technological and informational areas of activity [4].

Despite the importance of the term environmental safety, it is not widely covered in the legal documents of Ukraine. The definition of environmental safety is contained in Article 50 of the Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Protection", according to which environmental safety is a state of the environment in which the deterioration of the environmental situation and the emergence of danger to human health are prevented. We share the point of view of V. Gorbulin and A. Kaczynski, according to which environmental security is a component of national security, which provides protection of vital interests of a man, society, environment and the state from real or potential threats imposed by anthropogenic or natural factors in relation to the environment. It is guaranteed by legislative acts of the state [1]. Environmental security is an element of the national security system. One of the main tasks of environmental safety is to ensure the livelihood of population in a man-made safe and environmentally friendly world. An ecologically clean world is possible only in the lack of threats to natural objects or on condition of protection of safety objects from these threats.

According to many scientists, environmental safety creates mechanisms to prevent degradation of the environment and its improvement. It includes care of people's health, the formation of socio-legal and economic conditions that would exclude damage to the environment by other countries, their state structures, entrepreneurs and individual citizens, maintaining a state of the environment that provides normal living conditions for population and social reproduction; prevention of environmental threats; prevention of deterioration of ecological balance and emergence of danger to health of the person, society and the nation; identification of sources of environmental risk from man-made, economic, social, political structures and ways to prevent it; protection of natural resources and human potential of the state [5].

All of the above, we can define the purpose of the national policy of environmental safety, namely the stabilization and improvement of the environment of Ukraine by integrating environmental policies to social-economic development of Ukraine to provide environmentally safe environment for life and health, introduction of ecologically balanced system of nature management and preservation of natural ecosystems.

Environmental policy is the main criterion in the structure of the environmental security of Ukraine. The main strategic document on state environmental policy in Ukraine is " Basic Principles (Strategy) of State Environmental Policy of Ukraine for the Period up to 2030" [2]. One of the strategic document of the country is – Sustainable Development Strategy "Ukraine – 2020" [3] , which determines a roadmap and priorities of the Strategy. It indicates only the implementation of a program of environmental protection, which, judging by the name, can not be regarded as a tool of environmental safety. In addition, there is the list of priority reforms, including the reform of national security and defense, which does not consider the issue of environmental safety.

The main external threats of the environmental safety of Ukraine are the greenhouse effect, global warming. The internal threats are the emergency situations of natural and technogenic character. One of the sources of internal and external threats is the unsolved problem of wastes accumulation and unauthorized landfills. In terms of full environmental uncertainties Ukraine has got into, namely in terms of human rights violations to environmental safety and safe environment, guaranteed by the Constitution of Ukraine, it is necessary to create an updated framework for an effective system of environmental safety, which has become a priority area of juridical science. Overcoming the existing new environmental threats and improving the system of public administration in this area is an important task of our state.

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