

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Political and technological aspects of participation of international non-governmental organizations in the contemporary global issues

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Relevance of the research issue: One of the most prominent features of the global political system in the second half of the twentieth century is the significant surge in numbers and importance of non-governmental organizations. With the growth of interdependence and communication between societies, a great variety of new organizational structures, operating on a regional and global basis, have been established. The rise of these transnationally organized non-governmental actors and their growing involvement in world politics challenge the assumptions of traditional approaches to international relations which assume that states are the only important units of the international system. The institute of international non-governmental organizations is being studied by many researchers, but despite that fact, the problem of their political and technological aspects of participation is not studied in a proper way.

The purpose of the work is in analyzing political technologies, tools and forms of political and legal participation of INGOs in the contemporary international issues.

Research objectives:

- identify the nature and principal characteristics of INGOs;
- trace the historical background of becoming INGOs an actor in world politics;
- determine the key influence technologies of non-governmental organizations on the global issues;
- analyze the activity and the role of INGOs in the humanitarian sphere of world politics;
- study the political element in the influence methods and techniques of non-governmental organizations on the global issues;
- identify the main obstacles of INGO's participation in the contemporary global issues and suggest the ways to optimize their activity.

Scientific novelty: The approaches to the definition of the international non-governmental organizations were studied and the historical background of their establishment in the world politics was identified. The author's system of classification of international non-governmental organizations was developed. It was proved that INGO played an important role in the humanitarian sphere of world politics. Also the legal problems of INGO's activity were studied and some ways to optimize it were given.

Structure: the two chapters, containing six paragraphs, the conclusion and a 91-reference bibliography (nineteen of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 78 pages.

Summary: Nowadays the international non-governmental organizations are one of the civil society's institute. Compared to previous decades their influence on world politics greatly increased and keeps growing up due to the development of international relation system.

The key features of INGOs are: non-commercial nature, no racing for power, using only nonviolent methods, activity at least in two countries, internal self-organized structure, official registration in one country.

International non-governmental organizations have different form and could be classified by sphere of activity, official status of participants, membership mode, internal structure, geographical coverage and financial sources.

In present days INGOs are involved in all the spheres of human life: scientific, social, economic, human rights, environmental protection etc. But the biggest and the most important is humanitarian sphere due to its bulk of problems. INGO's mostly work in African and some Asians counties, because of their poverty and low living standards.

The main obstacle in the activity of international non-governmental organizations is that they don't have a legal status and being voluntary INGOs are not a subject of international law. That means that INGOs cannot make an official document with legal effect.

Despite that there are many different methods and tools INGOs use in their activity. The most effective are: cooperation with international intergovernmental organization (above all it is United Nations and Council of Europe), methods of direct impact (lobbying, protests etc.) and using world public opinion to influence on the object.

In our opinion, the key to optimize the activity and increase the importance of non-governmental organizations in the world politics is first of all to improve the system of cooperation between INGOs and international intergovernmental organization.