

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** the forms of participation of the Russian Federation in international relations.

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### **Relevance of the research issue.**

Certain points of this study can assist the state authorities of the Russian Federation (in particular, the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic) in the implementation of practical activities in the field of international economic cooperation, in the preparations and signing of cooperation agreements with foreign entities; in the participation of the Kabardino-Balkarian republic in various forms of cross-border cooperation.

**The purpose** of the work is to identify political risks and perspectives of participation of Russian regions in international relations.

### **Research objectives:**

- 1) give a review of the system of legislative base of the participation of Russian regions in international relations;
- 2) analyze the main forms of participation of Russian regions in international relations;
- 3) assess the political risks and benefits of participation of Russian regions in international relations;
- 4) give a review of the system of legal regulation of foreign economic activity of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic;
- 5) analyze foreign trade activities of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic in the period from 2009 to 2012 in order to form a holistic view of the main partners of the regions and its activities in the international arena.

**Scientific novelty:**

It was firstly identified political risks and prospects of participation of the Russian regions in international relations (the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic's case), and developed recommendations and suggestions how to minimize their negative effects.

**Structure:** the two chapters, containing five paragraphs, the conclusion and a 92-reference bibliography (6 of which are in foreign languages) and the one Appendix. The total volume is 79 pages.

**Summary:**

The research lets us to make several important findings related to issues of participation of the Russian regions in international relations. The purpose of the study was achieved in the process of partial execution of the set objectives.

It is clear that the lack of sovereignty doesn't let us consider republics, regions of the Russian Federation as independent actors of international relations. On the other hand, the Russian regions have a specific limited international legal personality, being the «specific subject of international law». Referring to the same volume of legal personality, experts point out that, as a rule, it is determined by the federation itself.

In terms of the legal federal state building, the direct participation of Russian regions in international relations has become such an essential factor that it is a question of assistance to the regions of the Federation in increase of efficiency of this activity and creation of optimum system of its legislative regulation. This is due to the fact that there is a problem of a lack of an international legal framework for the activities of members of the federal union (federation) in the international arena and requires further development. In the international law there are different views on the international legal personality of regions of federations - from its categorical denial, due to the lack of their full territorial sovereignty limited by the scope of the federal constitutions, to the recognition of their international legal personality.

In this regard the questions concerning the volume of their international activity, legal status of contracts of federative regions and their responsibility demand deeper study.

At the present stage the international law not only regulates the relations between the states, but also carries out other, not less important function of contribution of standardization of the internal law of the state.

In the future, the international activities of federal entities, and the status of such entities may well be the subject of international regulation. But it doesn't mean that this is a negative aspect, that it is a threat to the integrity of the state. I think, it is important to respect the existing hierarchy of legal norms. The practical side of constructive cooperation between the federal government and the governments of the Russian regions is the fact that international and foreign economic relations of the regions most often used to solve problems that are impractical to put on the international level.

At present, the problem is development of the purposes of the state strategy of development of territorial entities of the Russian Federation (regional development) which has to be fundamental, long-term and isn't subject to tactical influences.

The purposes are:

- the preservation of the integrity of the state and the unity of its constitutional and legal, economic and social space;
- ensuring geostrategic and geopolitical interests of Russia in the vector of regional development.

In this context, the work on sustainable legal framework of international relations of the Russian regions will promote their streamlining and improving the effectiveness of international cooperation. As a result, this is equitable to the interests of regions and the state as a whole, it also will strengthen the international authority of the Russian Federation.