

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: The role of transnational corporation in the foreign policy of modern States (on the example of "Norilsk Nickel").

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Relevance of the research issue: Today, transnational companies are the important part of the political and geopolitical picture of the world. Transnational companies contribute to the formation of a common political space. Thus, the economy merges into politics. Transnational corporation is a special type of corporation, which developed the national framework and operating on the world market through their foreign branches and subsidiaries. It is a national company with foreign assets. "Mining and metallurgical company "Norilsk Nickel" plays an important role in Russian foreign policy. Norilsk Nickel is the world's largest producer of Nickel and palladium and one of the largest producers of platinum and copper. Production units are located on three continents in five countries – Russia, Australia, Botswana, Finland and South Africa. It is important to interest the Russian government that the Company was operating in overseas markets, developed its activity, thereby creating a positive image of Russia and possible solutions to various international issues.

The purpose of the work is identifying characteristics and forecasting of possible ways of development of transnational companies in the foreign policy of modern States (on the example of "Norilsk Nickel").

Research objectives:

- consider the essential characteristics, the specificity and the various typologies of transnational companies;
- describe the General characteristics of "Norilsk Nickel";
- identify trends and outline perspectives of further development of "Norilsk Nickel" as the actor of modern international relations;
- identify geopolitical and geo-economic space of "Norilsk Nickel" in Russia's foreign policy.

Scientific novelty: This graduation thesis presents one of the first comprehensive interdisciplinary researches of the role of "Norilsk Nickel" in Russia's foreign policy:

- investigated the role of "Norilsk Nickel" as the actor of contemporary international relations, and as a tool of foreign policy of the Russian Federation;
- formulated conditions for the successful development of political relations of the world community with Russia through the international cooperation of "Norilsk Nickel"

Structure: the two chapters, containing five paragraphs, the conclusion and a 70-reference bibliography (twenty eight of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 102 pages.

Summary: Transnational companies are the important part in the world politics. TNCs play an important role in maintaining the competitiveness of the state at the international level. TNCs influence the nature and content of political processes in nation-States and actively interact with political institutions and actors of international relations.

"Mining and metallurgical company "Norilsk Nickel" – the largest in Russia and one of the world's largest transnational companies of manufacture of non-ferrous and precious metals. The company is a leader in their field, contributes to the development of international relations of Russia, through the foolproof implementation of production processes for the manufacture, transport, sale of products and provision of services. Foreign production units of the Company are located on three continents, in four countries - Australia, Finland, Botswana and South Africa.

As an actor of modern international relations the Company takes part and holds international conference for the protection of the environment. It helps to develop the infrastructure of the countries in which it conducts mining operations, for example in South Africa.

Due to the extraction of mineral resources, Russia has huge political advantage in world politics. Experts assert, that Russia could regain a leadership position in the international arena through the activities of transnational companies every two or three decades.