SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** Current state and the prospects of development of the relations between Russia and NATO

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**Relevance of the research issue.** Despite the positive development of Russian-NATO relations, cooperation have been suspended in 2014 and now it is at the zero point.

Nowadays NATO’s expansion to the East is very anxious issue for Russia. First of all it includes the potential entry of Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia in NATO, as well as the other socialist countries.

The fight against international terrorism also requires the intensification of Russia-NATO relations that has been repeatedly pointed out by the Russian side. The great concern of the Russian academic and political circles is caused by the NATO’s plans to deploy missile defense systems along the Russian border.

Thus, the question of the possible scenarios of Russian-NATO relations in the short and medium term is quite relevant. Based on this, the study of possible scenarios of Russian-NATO relations is very important.

**The purpose** of this work is to determine the characteristics and evaluation of future relations between Russia and NATO.

**Research objectives:**
- Explore the role of participants of international relations;
- Identify the role of international intergovernmental organizations as subjects of international relations;
- Define the role of NATO and Russia in modern world;
- Examine the current state of relations between Russia and NATO;
- Identify possible scenarios of development of relations between Russia and NATO.

**Scientific novelty:** A systematic analysis of the current relations between Russia and the North Atlantic Alliance is carried out; the optimal foreign policies under current conditions of cooperation with NATO are identified. On the basis of this analysis it has been proposed possible scenarios of development of relations between Russia and NATO.

**Structure.** The work consists of an introduction, two chapters, which include five sections, conclusions and bibliography containing 139 sources, 42 of which are in foreign languages. The total amount of work is 67 pages of typewritten text.

**Summary:**

The current state of Russian-NATO relations, the new threats to international security suggest several possible scenarios for the development of relations between Russia and NATO, namely:

1. Optimistic scenario of the Russian-NATO relations, which implies the establishment of friendly relations between Russia and NATO.

2. The pessimistic scenario of development of relations. New zones of tensions may arise in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, the Pacific and Central Asia. Not excluded, and conflicts over ownership of the Arctic. This scenario involves the freezing of NATO-Russia relations in the long term.

3. A realistic scenario involves the establishment of relations of cooperation between the parties. It does not rule out the possibility of new conflicts. However, the need to solve international problems that threaten the national security of NATO and Russia spoke of the impossibility of freezing Russian-NATO relations in the long term and to establish and enhance cooperation between Russia and NATO in the future.