Summary

Subject of the thesis: Kazakhstan's Foreign policy toward the United States.

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The research issue relevance is caused by the leading role of Kazakhstan in Central Asia and long-term aspirations of the USA concerning this state. The geopolitical situation in Eurasia in many aspects depends on a condition of economic and military-political cooperation of Kazakhstan with the USA. Cooperation with the western countries has made impact on integration of Kazakhstan into world system of the international relations. Relations of Kazakhstan with the West are an important factor of the diplomatic strategy aimed at securing the country and creating around it a favourable political and economic conditions allowing to carry out successfully internal reforms. It is extremely important that, despite political and practical value of Kazakhstan’s cooperation with the West, in Astana an exclusive importance and priority of relationship with Russia which is a natural ally of Kazakhstan isn't called in question. The probability is that in the future comprehensive cooperation between Kazakhstan and the USA will increase, which will have a serious impact on the overall situation in Central Asia. Contemporary challenges proceeding from international extremism and terrorism, increase the relevance and importance of scientific research of economic and military-political aspects of cooperation of Kazakhstan with the United States. Kazakhstan has become an important geopolitical "actor" in the global foreign policy system, playing at the same time a key role in Central Asia. This region attracted the attention of all the major powers entered into competition with each other for influence on the Central Asian states.

The object of research is the foreign policy of Kazakhstan at the present stage.

The subject of research foreign policy of Kazakhstan concerning the USA.

The research objectives are analyses the mechanisms of formation of Kazakhstan’s foreign policy, to define the gist of economic and military-political component of the country's foreign policy in the American direction.

Following tasks were defined according to the specified objectives:

- to identify the basis for the modern state’s foreign policy formation;
- to reveal the mechanism of formation and imperatives of Kazakhstan’s foreign policy;
- to identify the maintenance of an economic component in foreign policy of Kazakhstan concerning the USA;
- to reveal the specifics of Kazakhstan's foreign policy in the military-political sphere towards the United States.

The structure of the study is determined by the purpose, tasks and internal logic of the researched problem and consists of introduction, two chapters that include two paragraphs each, conclusion, bibliographic list that includes 104 sources including 13 in foreign languages, and also 9 attachments. The common workload is 82 typescript pages.

Summary. Foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the present stage is aimed at actively supporting the implementation of reforms in the internal policy of the country, to ensure the competitiveness of the national economy and positioning the country as the initiator of a major "humanitarian projects and international initiatives" (the Syrian peace talks in Astana, the initiative "Global zero", etc.). In practice many
foreign policy initiatives of Kazakhstan are directed to creation of conditions for a country entry into the world markets, development of own export-import potential, attraction of investments, new technologies in the manufacturing sector, implementation of alternative transport ways projects.

The orientation of Kazakhstan on "the establishment and strengthening of ties" with the US economy comes from the need to ensure domestic economic and political stability and competitiveness of industry, agriculture, trade, and transit country infrastructure, policy – diversification of external relations, reducing dependence on Russia and China. However in recent years economic factor has weakened that is connected with the reasons of the global financial crisis, the volumes of investment into economy of Kazakhstan, increase in presence of the Kazakhstan state companies and enterprises in the oil and gas sphere and corruption in public authorities. All these factors cause an imbalance in the relations of Kazakhstan with the countries of the West in favor of the political relations, which in the medium term may lead to the weakening of Russia's positions in this country.