STATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AS A FORM OF INNERSTATE COOPERATION

Urgency of the research topic. Urgency of studying strategic partnership is stipulated by the necessity to increase efficiency of international cooperation to solve priority economic and political purposes and anti action to the threats of economic security of the countries-members.

Target setting. The efficient model of interstate cooperation is strategic partnership that is based on mutual foreign economic and foreign policy support.

Actual scientific researches and issues analysis. Researches of O. Bilorus, D. Lukianenko, D. Kudyro, N. Kukharska, V. Manzhola, A. Mazaraki, T. Melnik, B. Parakhonsky, V. Yukhymenko, G. Yavorska are devoted to the conceptual principles of strategic partnership as an efficient instrument of interstate interaction.

Uninvestigated parts of general matters defining. At the present moment, there is no unanimity among the scientists and politicians concerning scientific definition of the term "strategic partnership". Consequently, some international economic relations defined as strategic partnership in reality are not as those. And wide spread relations doesn't allow to concentrate efforts and resources on actually perspective strategic significant for the economy of Ukraine directions of international cooperation.

Task setting. The article is devoted to defining contextual characteristics of strategic partnership and its place in the system of international economic relations; to compliance evaluation of declared relations of strategic partnership of Ukraine and principles of strategic partnership; analysis of legislative and normative acts of Ukraine that serve the grounds of international cooperation in form of strategic partnership.

Statement of the main material. Within the article, contextual characteristics strategic partnership were defined. Place of strategic partnership in the system of international economic relations was defined. Legislative and normative acts of Ukraine that serve the grounds for interstate cooperation in form of strategic cooperation were analyzed. Circle of strategic partners of Ukraine within national interests implementing connected with guaranteeing national security, defense and energy security of Ukraine was defined.

Conclusions. The result of the performed research is: definition of the principles and contextual characteristics of strategic partnership; grounding the defining priorities of strategic partnership of Ukraine.

Keywords: strategic partnership; principle of strategic partnership; political component of the strategic partnership relations; strategic directions of cooperation of economic character; sectorial priorities of strategic partnership of Ukraine.

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СТРАТЕГІЧНЕ ПАРТНЕРСТВО ЯК ФОРМА МІЖДЕРЖАВНОГО СПІВРОБІТНИЦТВА

Актуальність теми дослідження. Важливість вивчення стратегічного партнерства обумовлено необхідністю підвищення ефективності міжнародного співробітництва для вирішення приоритетних економічних та політичних проблем, а також загроз економічній безпеці країн-учасниць.

Постановка проблеми. Ефективного моделювання міжнародного співробітництва є стратегічне партнерство, яке ще не розглядалося на вітчизняній науковій та політичній підтримці.

Аналіз останніх досліджень і публікацій. Концептуальним засадам стратегічного партнерства як ефективного інструменту міжнародної взаємодії присвячені дослідження О. Білоруса, Д. Лук'янеця, Д. Кудерко, Н. Кухарської, В. Манжола, Т. Мельник, Б. Парахонського, В. Юхименко, Г. Яворської.

Виділені недоосереджені частини загальної проблеми. Наразі серед вітчизняних науковців та політиків відсутня одностайність щодо наукового визначення поняття «стратегічне партнерство». Як наслідок, в оцінці міжнародних економічних зв’язків, визначені свідоцтвом стратегічного партнерства, визначені вимоги до нього такими не є. А розпорядження відносин не дозволяє сконцентрувати зусилля на перспективних стратегічних зв’язках для ефективності міжнародного співробітництва.

Постановка завдання. Стаття присвячена визначеню сутнісних характеристик стратегічного партнерства, її місцем в системі міжнародних економічних відносин; оцінці відповідності та значимості відносин стратегічного партнерства України, її цілям та методам впливу на ефективність проводимих економічних та політичних дій.

Виклад основного матеріалу. У статті визначені сутнісні характеристики стратегічного партнерства. Визначено місце стратегічного партнерства в системі міжнародних економічних відносин. Проаналізовано законодавчі та нормативні акти України, що сприяють її взаємодії з іншими державами у формі стратегічного партнерства.

Висновки. Заключається, що визначення сутнісних характеристик стратегічного партнерства, її інститутів, сутнісних характеристик стратегічного партнерства та її місця в системі міжнародних економічних відносин. Визначено значимість стратегічного партнерства для ефективності міжнародного співробітництва. Запропоновано вирішення визначальних приоритетів стратегічного партнерства України.
**Urgency of the research topic.** Urgency of studying strategic partnership as a tool of regulated and predicted interaction between the countries is stipulated by the necessity to increase efficiency of international cooperation to solve priority economic and political purposes and anti action to the threats of economic security of the countries-members.

**Target setting.** One of the directions of scientific researches in sphere of national economies interaction in global economic environment is searching of optimal model of foreign economic relations establishing as a factor of providing efficient integration of the country in the world economy with maximal protection of national interests.

Current foreign economic risks of Ukraine present threat for economic security of the state and stipulate necessity of using the efficient model of interstate cooperation in form of strategic partnership. The latter envisages mutual cooperation on equal share principle using the mechanism of interstate cooperation that is based on mutual foreign economic foreign policy support, including within the frame of international organizations, position agreeing in crisis situations and by solving international conflicts.

**Actual scientific researches and issues analysis.** Researches of O. Bilorus, D. Lukianenko [1], N. Kukharska [2], V. Manzhola [3], B. Parakhonskogo, G. Yavorska [4] are devoted to conceptual principles of strategic partnership as an efficient tool of foreign policy. Scientific studies of A. Mazaraki, T. Melnik, V. Yuhymenko and L. Kydurko are devoted to deepening trade-economic and foreign policy cooperation of Ukraine [5].

**Uninvestigated parts of general matters defining.** Despite extending of inter state interaction in form of strategic partnership nowadays, there is no unanimity among scientists and politicians concerning scientific definition of the term “strategic partnership”. Consequently, some international economic relations defined as strategic partnership in fact are not those. And wide extension of the relations does not allow to concentrate efforts and resources on actually perspective strategically important for the economy of Ukraine directions of international cooperation. In connection with that, issues of the relations inventory with the countries, relations of strategic partnership which is fixed in formal documents or declared in the country leaders statement in unilateral or bilateral procedure are considered; identification of bilateral relations between Ukraine and its partners on subject of its compliance to the principles and contextual characteristics of strategic partnership, is conducted.

**Task setting.** The article is devoted to defining contextual characteristics of strategic partnership and its place in the system of international economic relations; evaluation of the compliance of the declared relations of strategic partnership of Ukraine to the principles of strategic partnership; specifying the list of the state that were declared by Ukraine as its strategic partners; analysis of legislative and normative acts of Ukraine that serve as grounds for inter state cooperation in a form of the strategic partnership.

**Statement of the main material.**

Defining contextual characteristics of the strategic partnership and its place in the system of international economic relations

Taking into consideration, that there is no unambiguous definition of the term “strategic partnership” until now, formulation of its contextual characteristics and place in the system of economic relations is quite actual. Semantics of the concept “inter state strategic partnership” envisages definition of contextual characteristics of partnership relations considering the subjects specifics of these social relations-states. Inter state partnership inter action envisages: equal share of the relations, mutual recognition of the states independence, national interests, trust and respect to national values; bilateral cooperation; mutual recognition of the countries-members of economic-political alliances; geopolitical interdependence; mutual understanding of mutual economic and social problems of the countries-partners. Bilateral partnership relations are possible between those countries that don’t have mutual, including territorial claims.

Strategic character of partnership relations is provided by their exclusivity (priority) that envisage efforts concentration on actually significant, strategically important directions of foreign economic and foreign policy interaction; their common interests that stipulate long term character of such relations; electivity by defining the circle of strategic (key) partners.
Strategic partnership in form of bilateral or multilateral cooperation envisages achieving economic and political purposes. Strategic directions of economic character relate to scale inter state projects and are oriented for increasing production potential on account of mutual trade between the countries, improvement of the regional infrastructure, forming favorable investment environment, extending the markets capacity of goods, capitals, labour, preferential access to the world markets within the partnership relations; forming the system of efficient protection of national producers on the foreign markets; adapting the norms of national legislation to the accepted in the world practice standards; accumulation of special knowledge and working experience in sphere of FEA regulating.

Political component of the relations of the strategic partnership is implemented through defining the priorities of inter state political interaction oriented for providing foreign policy support, including within the frames of international organizations, increasing the own status of the countries-members in the system of international rating evaluations and trust from the side of foreign investors and creditors, agreeing positions and support by implementing anti crisis policy of the states and by solving international conflicts. As evaluated by the experts, including the country in the system of strategic relations with the leading countries of the world states their significance as an international actor. Strategic relations with the countries with similar foreign policy priorities and internally political problems are oriented to common measures concerning their solving.

Principles of international economic cooperation as identifiers of the strategic partnership relations

In the base of interaction of the countries-members of the strategic partnership, principles should be laid that define vitally important, strategically significant for the state purposes and provide increasing economic efficiency of participants functioning of international economic cooperation. In particular:

- principle of long term relations that lays in forming stable, foreseen partnership relations (projects) of strategic character that need to have political and military guarantees;
- principle of common national interests that envisages unity, or at least, single vector purposes of economic development. This principle means that besides common strategic purpose of partnership, its members can be oriented as well for achieving own purposes on condition if they do not contradict to each other and to the main purpose of strategic partnership. Considering of this principle allows to take into consideration interests of other party taking into account own profit or opportunities to temporize with the purpose of achieving strategic purposes not deviating from national strategic guides;
- principle of equal shares of relations and mutual refuse from discriminative actions one against the other;
- principle of reality that can be implemented through availability of active mechanisms of realization of the declared form of the relations;
- principle of equal share that envisages separation of actively significant, strategically important directions of foreign economic and foreign policy inter state interaction;
- principle of electivity of strategic level of bilateral relations with this or that country. Taking into consideration preferential mode of this cooperation, the state should approach to defining the circle of strategic (key) partners considering importance and perspectives of this cooperation;
- principle of formalization – through legal fixing of the form of partnership relations (circle of members, mechanisms of interaction, etc.) in bilateral documents (contracts, agreement), that allow to minimize subjectivity by decisions making and provide obligatory fulfillment by the partners their obligations;
- principle of enormity of strategic partnership that defines the opportunity of economic effect diffusion from such cooperation not only among local circle of the members, in particular state-political elites, but as well among business entities and ordinary citizens of both countries.

Thus, considering the principles of strategic partnership and content of bilateral interstate projects on cooperation, relations of strategic partnership are the form of interstate economic and political cooperation in achieving accurately defined common strategic purpose accurately defined common strategic purpose that envisages the form of equal share both in the context of the subjects of partnership relations, and concerning the resources of their implementation. Relations of strategic partnership as a controlled and predicted tool of interstate cooperation are designed to implement significant, strategi-
cally important national interests of the participants of foreign economic and foreign policy interstate interaction.

It is offered to separate term of strategic partnership in broad and narrow meanings. In broad meaning, term strategic partnership — is a system of interaction of two or some states that is grounded on recognition common values and/or understanding, high level of cooperation in the defines spheres, mutual foreign policy support, in particular, within the frames of international organizations, in positions agreeing in crisis situations and by solving international conflicts. In narrow meaning strategic partnership envisages international cooperation concerning implementing of scale interstate projects, namely, in trade-economic, transport-infrastructure, political, security and other branches. Filling of strategic partnership with definite context takes place depending on specifics of the purposes and tasks that are solved with their help [6].

Nowadays, Ukraine has more than 20 strategic partners among which there are countries and integration groups. Such relations are fixed in official documents or declared in statements of the leaders of Ukraine in unilateral manner. To the countries, with which relations of strategic partnership are fixed in bilateral manner are related: the USA (2008), Poland, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Azerbaijan. Relations of peculiar partnership are documentary stated with the Organization of the Northern Atlantic Alliance NATO (1997), Canada, Georgia. Relations of special strategic partnership are declared with Turkey (2017), Hungary (2009), Lithuania (2008). Common strategy of the EU and Ukraine was adopted in December 1999, it became continued by plan of the actions Ukraine - the European Union (dated February 21, 2005). Current stage of such cooperation is formalized in the Agreement on free trade and within the frames of the project "Eastern Partnership", one of the tasks of it is preparing Ukraine to enter the European Union. To the countries, strategic relations with which were declared in statements of the leaders of Ukraine in unilateral manner, are related China, Israel, Argentina, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, Finland. Besides, in "Main directions of foreign policy of Ukraine" dated 1993 to strategic partners were related boundary with Ukraine states. Thus, to the defined list of strategic partners there were automatically added seven boundary states: Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey.

Such circle of strategic partners of Ukraine does not correspond to , in first turn, to the principles of equal share and electivity due to impossibility of separation really significant, strategically important directions of foreign economic and foreign policy inter state cooperation that envisages the form of priority both in the context of the subjects of partnership relations, and concerning the resources of their implementing; in the second turn, to the principle of formalization because of the lack in individual cases legal fixing of the form of partnership relations in bilateral documents . And even the necessity of solving considerable list of important economic and foreign political tasks of transformation period is not a justification of availability of significant number of strategic partners , since it lessens the significance of relevant agreement both for foreign partners, and for Ukraine itself. Wide spread directions within the frames of strategic partnership provokes achieving the defined priorities of state cooperation due to the resources lack for their implementing and states declarative character of such agreements.

Analysis of legislative and normative acts of Ukraine that serve the grounds for inter state cooperation in the form of strategic partnership.

Circle of the existing and potential strategic partners of Ukraine should be created in correspondence to strategic priorities of the national economy development, contained in the principles of domestic and foreign policy of Ukraine. According to the Law of Ukraine “About the principles of domestic and foreign policy”, foreign policy of the state considers necessity of safety, sovereignty guaranteeing and protection of territorial integrity of Ukraine and is directed for overcoming traditional and new threats to security [7].

As the base for defining the priorities of inter state cooperation in the form of strategic partnership serves Strategy of national security of Ukraine [8]. According to the present threats to national security of Ukraine, as main directions of the state policy are defined the following ones: renewal of territorial integrity of Ukraine and reintegration of temporary occupied territories after their freeing; creation of
the efficient sector of security and defense and increasing national defense capability; reforming the system of state governance on the base of continuous anticorruption policy.

An important meaning for grounding declared priorities of strategic cooperation has the Doctrine of informational safety of Ukraine that recognizes national interests of Ukraine and priorities of state policy in informational sphere [9]. Under the provisions of the Doctrine of informational safety, the priorities of state policy in informational sphere are: providing informational safety of Ukraine; development of the interaction mechanisms between the state and the institutes of civil society concerning anti-action to informational aggression against Ukraine; struggle with disinformation and destructive propaganda; prohibition to use informational space of the state in destructive purposes or for actions that are directed to discredit of Ukraine and its citizens on international level.

Decisive priority of strategic partnership is described in Presidential Report to the yearly President’s Message to Verkhovna Rada and concerns implementing strategic and geopolitical interests connected with guaranteeing national security of Ukraine and protection of its political independence [10]. Taking into consideration threats to national security, the main accent was made on the defense and security sector.

Conclusions. On the base of principles and contextual characteristics of strategic partnership, it was defined that the latter is an efficient form of inter state economic and political interaction, that on conditions of its coordinatees, compliance and long term cooperation, due to taking into consideration bi and multi side interests; predictability due to its strategic character; reality due to available active mechanisms, declared form and objective character of partnership relations implementing introduces strategically significant, important national interests of the countries-partners. Subject of inter state interaction in the form of strategic partnership is implementing strategically important, scale inter state projects in economic and political spheres using the tools of mutual foreign economic support, including, in the frames of international organizations, positions agreeing in crisis situations and by solving international conflicts.

As a determining priority of strategic partnership of Ukraine, cooperation in sphere of national security and defense, power and transit potential development of Ukraine was defined

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