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ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AS A COMPONENT OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL SECURITY

Introduction. Environmental issues have long been the subject of both national and global politics. The ecological crisis, which is progressing every year, affects all aspects of life and can depress the socio-economic and political situation both within countries and in the international arena.

To emphasize the importance of environmental security, let us take into account the Paris Climate Agreement, which defines climate change as a common problem for humanity. With this agreement, the countries have established an enhanced system of transparency regarding greenhouse gas emissions [6]. When the United States, led by Donald Trump, withdrew from the agreement in 2020, the international community was moved by the question of the appropriateness of a climate agreement without the United States. However, already in 2021, President Biden, on the first day of his presidency, signed a document to return the United States to the Paris Climate Agreement, because he considers it the basis for global action to avoid a disaster.

At the present stage, environmental security can't be considered in itself and should be a priority in public policy, as it is an important factor in national security. Currently, in Ukraine, the balance in the natural environment is disturbed, which leads to the exacerbation of socio-economic problems. There are also abnormal anthropogenic changes in strategic natural resources, which negatively affect the state of national security.

Review of recent publications. There is interest in this issue, as evidenced by the publications of Ivaniuta S.P., Khylyk M.I., Yatsenko L.D., and others, but some aspects, such as the place of environmental security in the system of national and international security, national strategies, and sustainable development in Ukraine need further research.

Objectives of the paper. To reveal the place of environmental safety in the system of national security of Ukraine.

Results of the research. The regulatory process in the field of environmental protection requires active government action. A necessary part is the establishment and observance of environmental law. And the features of the current stage of development of this area are new conceptual ideas and relevant legal principles, such as:

- special emphasis on the development of the content and application of the principles of environmental prevention in a potential source of harm;
- the idea of sustainable development, which gets receives a new interpretation;

- the principles of caution, which are emphasized by the thesis – “The Polluter Pays” [4: 21; 163].

Significant deterioration in quality and standard of living is characterized by the environmental context. The state that survived the Chernobyl disaster should give environmental issues an undisputed priority [1].

At this stage, the goal of state environmental policy is to achieve a satisfactory state of the environment, so certain strategies are being implemented. Introduce an approach to all areas of social and economic development of Ukraine, taking into account that every citizen has the right to a clean and safe environment. Restoration and preservation of natural ecological systems, balanced use of natural resources are also being implemented. The main goals, objectives, directions, and mechanisms of implementation of the state environmental policy are defined by the Law of Ukraine “On the basic principles (strategy) of the state environmental policy of Ukraine for the period up to 2030” [2].

Ukraine ensures compliance with the requirements of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. It also implements activities aimed at ensuring the implementation of obligations under international agreements in the field of biological and landscape diversity. Conducts monitoring observations. It is trying to develop a green economy, especially in industry and energy, and it is one of the requirements for integration into the European Union. And also various laws concerning the state ecological policy are developed and accepted [5]. These include the new National Security Strategy of Ukraine 2020, which includes as one of the priority areas – ensuring environmental security, creating safe living conditions and, maintaining the ecological balance in Ukraine [3].

Conclusion. Thus, given the existing environmental threats in Ukraine, the assessment of the state of the environment is unsatisfactory and it threatening to national security, therefore environmental security is gradually becoming a determining component of public policy. New plans and laws are being introduced, old ones are being modernized, new systems for assessing the use of nature and the processes taking place in the environment are being developed and implemented, and environmental protection is being strengthened.

There is increasing awareness that environmental security is an important component of the national security system. However, this is not enough to ensure the appropriate level of environmental safety, in addition, most of these plans are implemented so far only on paper, but not in practice.

The overriding task of state policy in the field of protection of society from environmental hazards is to ensure a level of security that meets general world standards.

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