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## **RELATIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND GREAT BRITAIN IN THE POST-BIPOLAR PERIOD**

**Introduction.** Ukraine as an independent state clearly manages its foreign policy integration priorities at the present stage, the success of which will be largely determined by the use of the potential of the bilateral relations of Ukraine with the leading European states.

The relevance of the development of Ukrainian-British relations is based particularly on the significant positive experience of the bilateral cooperation, which has been accumulated since the establishment of diplomatic relations and determined by the status of Great Britain as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, the G-7, the so-called “Nuclear club”, a member of NATO and in general an influential participant in the international relations.

**Review of recent publications.** Questions of the Ukrainian-British relations in the post-bipolar period are the subject of research of such scientists as: N. Yakovenko, A. Grubinko, O. Nepriyskyi, V. Krushynskyi, P. Ignatiev and others.

**Objective of the paper** is to conduct the multilateral research on the development of the Ukrainian-British relations in the political, military, trade and economic spheres.

**Results of research.** As a result of geopolitical transformations at the end of the dramatic twentieth century, due to the radical change in the system of international relations, there were real opportunities for the establishment and development of close relations between independent Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Their prospect was primarily connected with the interest of the countries in the formation of the collective security system, the need to use significant transport and energy capacities of Ukraine as a transit country in the context of energy supply to Europe, a large-scale reform of the economy and social relations in Ukraine with the transition to the principles of the market economy and democratic legal development [1: 48]. All this required assistance and support for our country from the leading countries of the

world, especially the United Kingdom, with its enormous experience and political, financial, economic, scientific and technical opportunities, resource and management abilities, global humanitarian, information and cultural abilities.

Having studied rather open relations between Ukraine and the United Kingdom, it can be said that the relations between members are more interesting for the Ukrainian side, since this partnership is generally being built on the assistance of Great Britain to Ukraine. Despite the UK's exit from the EU, the state's policy towards Ukraine has a European partnership vector, namely: assistance in the fight against the Russian aggressor.

The tendency of increasing economic interest in Ukraine by the British business and capital is very important and should be used as an effective instrument for expanding the integration into the world and European economies, as well as a prerequisite for increasing mutual interest at the political level [2: 59]. I state the presence of a powerful potential of the Ukrainian-British cooperation in the trade and economic sphere. The consistent support of the UK for Ukraine's course towards the European and Euro-Atlantic integration is the basis for the effective realization of this potential. Strengthening the geopolitical importance of Ukraine after the last EU enlargement and new opportunities for economic cooperation create a favorable ground for further fruitful realization of the potential of the Ukrainian-British partnership in the context of the European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine.

Consideration of the main directions of implementation and achievements of the Ukrainian-British military cooperation allow us to confirm that an intensive, multilevel, comprehensive and constructive cooperation is developing between countries, it is carried out in the context of Ukraine-NATO relations and effectively complements them. The United Kingdom is the guarantor of Ukraine's security as a non-nuclear-weapon state and has acceded our country to its non-proliferation treaty as a peacekeeping partner in the hot spots of the world under the auspices of the United Nations and NATO [4]. The British side provides the significant assistance to the Ukrainian partners in reforming the armed forces by organizing and implementing a wide range of activities within the framework of the bilateral military cooperation program. However, insufficiently developed military-technical cooperation, which is indispensable and necessary component of the successful integration of Ukraine into the European security system, needs to be increased. The military cooperation program between Ukraine and the United Kingdom is the largest British program of this kind in the Central and East Europe region (CEE) [1: 185].

Ukraine and Great Britain joined the 21st century as partner countries. Their historical paths periodically overlap, but due to circumstances, they did not have the opportunity to develop to the level of systemic intergovernmental cooperation. As a result of the latest international transformations at the end of the twentieth century, opportunities have arisen for the establishment and development of full relations between the independent Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Conclusion.** Ukraine and the UK in the early 90's of the twentieth century got the opportunity to develop a stable, full and constructive cooperation at the

international level. Each of the countries went through the long historical path. As a result of geopolitical transformations at the end of the dramatic 20th century, due to the radical change in the system of international relations, the elimination of totalitarian regimes in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the collapse of the USSR and the end of the Cold War brought a real opportunity for the establishment and development of close relations between Independent Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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