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CLIMATE CHANGE: A CHALLENGE TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Recent severe weather events and hot temperatures are yet another evidence of ongoing environmental turbulence that is induced by a global climate change. Although natural factors play a major role, on a planetary scale, human interference has become a definitive driver. Floods in Poland or bushfires in Australia - people across the world are already experiencing the consequences. A large number of developing states believe that the main responsibility for mitigating the effects should lie with industrialized countries, in which the emissions of carbon compounds per capita are much higher than in developing ones.

At the same time, those are the developing nations that feel the consequences of global warming most acutely. The effects of climate change, as well as other environmental problems, have recently become a catalyst for conflict situations, specifically in the states already destabilized. For a long period of time ecological threats were treated as minor issues, more as a natural hazard outside of human control, than a real factor affecting international security. However, along with the increase of the scale, diversity and dynamics of human activity negatively affecting the environment, it has ceased to be just a side effect.

Climate change has become "securitized". In this paper I indicate possible links between climate change and armed conflicts, and verify if there is the expected relationship. I identify main conflict determinants, such as resource scarcity, including water and energy, rising energy demand and migration induced by extreme weather. This research finds its relevance in recent international community's concerns for security issues caused by the change of climate.

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МІЖНАРОДНІ ЕКОЛОГІЧНІ КОНВЕНЦІЇ: МІЖ ЕКОЛОГІЄЮ ТА ПОЛІТИКОЮ

Анотація. У статті висвітлено питання взаємовпливів екології та політики на прикладі міжнародних конвенцій. Проаналізувавши основоположні етапи становлення екологічних питань, зроблено висновок, що основним механізмом співпраці були і залишаються конвенції. Через недотримання великими гравцями екологічних домовленостей система універсальних договорів і регіональних угод не є максимально ефективною.

Ключові слова: екологічна безпека, екологія, політика, конвенції, міжнародна безпека.

Abstract. The article covers the interaction of ecology and politics on the example of international conventions. After analyzing the basic stages of formation of environmental issues, it was concluded that the main mechanism of cooperation were and remain conventions. Due to non-compliance by environmental players with environmental agreements, the system of universal agreements and regional agreements is not as effective as possible.

Keywords: environmental security, ecology, policy, conventions, international security.