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RESTORATION OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY IN SELECTED AREAS OF UKRAINE: POLICY APPROACHES AND SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE

The article deals with the views of contemporary Ukrainian politicians on the problem of restoration of state sovereignty in the territories of certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The application of context, legal, comparative, logical-system, system-structural methods of analysis allowed to determine the level of scientific feasibility and opportunities for practical implementation of each of the proposed approaches. In particular, it is noted that due to the incompatibility of the domestic situation with all the necessary criteria and conditions of the UN peacekeeping operation, the implementation of the proposals of the fifth President of Ukraine P. Poroshenko (similar approaches were also expressed by A. Avakov and A. Gritsenko) is unlikely, as well as approaches, proposed by Y. Tymoshenko (regarding the change of the Minsk format on Budapest + through holding an international summit and negotiations with representatives of the USA and the EU). More probable and well-founded scholars (in the research results published during 2015-2019) have scenarios related to the freezing of the conflict, as well as with the contractual reintegration on the basis of negotiations and the possible holding of a referendum (V. Zelensky).

At the same time, the implementation of all proposed options for the restoration of state sovereignty in the Donbass requires significant economic costs, which can not be achieved without providing economic growth and restoring common economic interests of Kyiv and Donetsk in Ukraine.

State sovereignty on the territory of certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts will be considered restored under the condition of the supremacy of the Ukrainian authorities, unconditional compliance with the norms of national and international law, and the impossibility of arbitrary alienation of legitimate power, while the possibility of delegating rights to local self-government bodies of the respective districts.

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