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## UKRAINE'S EMERGENCE AS AN ACTOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

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February 20, 2014 changed the life of not only the fairly large state of Ukraine, but also the entire world, as Russia's military aggression influenced the formation of a new world order and new political relations. At the same time, Ukraine, as a party to the conflict, starting with the defense of its

sovereignty and territorial integrity, is also emerging as a subject of political and international relations. The relevance of addressing the topic of ideological and cultural prerequisites for the development of Ukraine as a subject in its current state is largely due to the fact that the Russian Federation is trying to seize sovereignty, destroy culture and rewrite history in accordance with the fictional narratives of modern Russian propaganda, thereby attempting to deny the subjectivity of Ukraine as a state and destroy Ukrainians as a nation.

Today, when the world order has been destroyed and the world is facing new challenges that require a revision of world politics and international relations, the meaning of such concepts as subjectivity, sovereignty, independence, international legal norms and international agreements is also changing. Accordingly, this requires modern researchers to show the ideological, cultural, social and historical continuity of the process of formation and existence of Ukraine as a subject in historical and cultural terms.

The modern world as we know it is made up of states. Each state is a subject of history, a subject that has a certain influence in the international arena. Each European country has its own project of functioning in the economic, cultural, spiritual, and political sense, but when it comes to the state of Ukraine, we find ourselves in a complex and long process of formation, state-building, and self-determination. The process of establishing Ukraine as a state was not a trivial and constant interconnected process, as it was interrupted with certain periodicity due to various political and socio-historical events that are revealed in the pages of our history. The people who territorially lived and developed on the territory of today's Ukraine did not lose their subjectivity, as evidenced by the language, folklore, mythology, culture and traditions, art, spiritual and religious life. Gradually, the subjectivity of Ukraine as a state was formed mentally through certain archetypes that existed from the time of paganism and the princely era of Kievan Rus and were defined and consolidated in historical events. Starting with the history of our ancestors who united the Slavs and ending with the mental comprehension, when there is a worldview awareness of what is being done and how, and on what principle, the worldview of Ukrainians and our culture are gradually being formed.

This defines "certain patterns of cultural activity as it has unfolded historically over several centuries on the Ukrainian territory. These are, firstly, the cognitive sphere, taken in the broadest sense, secondly, the value-normative sphere, and finally, the communicative sphere. "Cognitive" here is the system-forming factor of all these spheres, like the Earth's core in relation to its mantle" [2, p. 45]. When we define the concept of subjectivity, we must realize that the subject is a conscious initiator of his actions, and the

concept of "cognitive" allows us to separate perception, speech, memory, creative imagination from affective states [1, p. 18], which is why the concept of subjectivity of Ukraine should be considered as having its deep roots, but under the influence of many objective factors and historical events, it has not received a proper complete form.

The ideological and cultural prerequisites for the development of Ukraine as a subject require in-depth and multidisciplinary research in order to demonstrate the significance of this issue in both global and historical terms. After all, the definition and realization of Ukraine's subjectivity gives hope for a peaceful, prosperous, and secure future for our country. Realizing the importance of Ukraine's subjectivity and its formation as an important player in the international arena is an integral part of the "project" of a successful and prosperous Ukraine. The basic conditions should be the ideological guidelines of our people, which are aimed at preserving unique traditions and developing Ukrainian culture. We should not forget about the language issue, because through language we express, transmit, and preserve both the ideological principles of the Ukrainian people and the cultural and folklore features of our country.

At the same time, the implementation of legal norms and laws should be a priority, which should not only require unconditional compliance from citizens, but also provide certain rights and opportunities. Also, we should not forget about economic development, which should be based on the development of Ukrainian business, both in the agricultural sector and in other areas, because independence and development of economic international relations should be consolidated on the principles of Ukrainian business development. It is in the harmonious combination and development of all these components that Ukraine as an entity in the international arena will take on its final form.

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