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PROBLEMS OF UKRAINIAN INTEGRATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY IN MODERN CIRCUMSTANCES

Integration processes are an absolute prerequisite for the development of any country in the world today. Ukraine is actively involved in this process, as a member of many international organizations. The main direction of its development is now European, which is determined by many factors and the expected positive effects of joining the EU.

It is believed that the signing of the Agreement will bring changes in our economy:

- Reducing corruption. Changes will occur in the management of public finances and budget planning. The function of Audit Office and the Accounting Chamber will change as well.

- Strengthening consumer protection. With introduction of European standards of quality control, Ukrainian goods will be safe.

- Exports of goods to the EU. We will at least annually earn 383 million Euro from exports.

- Exports of services to the EU. Ukrainians will be able to open branches in the EU and Ukrainian investment in the EU will get extra protection. However, the agreement establish-

es restrictions on exports and services.

- Benefits for SMEs. In Ukraine it will again become profitable to produce goods.

- Social policy and education. Four additional vacation days will be introduced. It will be forbidden to pay women less than men. Primary health care will improve. Ukrainian diplomas and qualifications for admission to work will be recognized in the EU.

- Environment will be cleaner and safer. New standards for air and water quality will be introduced. Methods of the environment control will change.

- Space, science and technology. We will work together to create a European navigation system – a competitor for GPS. EU will use our technology in rocket science.

At present it is believed that an agreement with the EU stopped the way of Ukraine to the Customs Union, which may also be explained by tensions with one of the countries of this group. Thus, the path towards European integration is so far the only one possible, based on the real events that are happening in the country.