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Abstract

The globalization processes change geopolitical landscape and environment of international security, making people and countries react to a new threats and challenges. The 21st century world has changed in quality and become more complicated, there are many asymmetric threats, resisting to which on a basis of the institutions and concepts of the industrial era becomes at the best non-efficient, and more often simply impossible.

At present moment one can observe the elaboration of a new vision of the issues of a war and peace, national and international security, ways, means and methods of their protection, which are accompanied by deepening and clarifying of the notion of "security" in general and "national security" in particular. There is intensive pursuit and research, tending to reveal the theoretical problems of the national security, to elaborate the most optimal and efficient ways of its practical protection. It is already obvious that:

- **the issues of the national security are not restricted to the military sphere but they cover all the sphere of the public live;**
- **there are diverse and ambiguous interconnections between the society, state and external world, which give rise to many dangers and threats;**
- **to protect national security the society needs to elaborate the overall system of theoretical knowledge, legal bases, appropriate organizations and institutions which possess necessary means to solve theoretical and practical problems of the national security protection;**
- **starting up the aforementioned processes takes place against the background of the qualitative changes which covered the global community and is known as a process of globalization.**

Every specialist who works on the issues of security protection in any sphere, if he wants to work efficiently, must have a clear idea of the national security system, its structure, the place of the institutions where he works within that structure as well as interconnection and reciprocal influence of the dangers which arise in the sphere of his activity, threats which arise in other spheres and in the society in general.

To form the adequate response to the challenges of the new era, the state and its NS sphere have to change which turns the process of NS sphere transformation of Armenia into a necessity.