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## **CONSULAR SERVICE OF UKRAINE: PROBLEMS OF PROTECTION OF UKRAINIAN CITIZENS ABROAD**

The relevance of the study of modern consular service is caused by an objective necessity of this institution's development as a part of the public service, its further theoretical justification in the context of priority of safeguards for the rights and interests of citizens and legal entities of Ukraine abroad.

The world stepped in the XXI century – the century of computer technologies and the Internet, in many ways by which the distance between states decreased significantly and we often have to communicate with the citizens of other countries, freely travel abroad, and deal with culture and customs of other nations.

In a globalized everyday life, consular service is particularly important, because it serves a whole wide range of relations with different countries. The more relationships develop, the larger scale and intensive human interchange, the greater the burden on consular offices. Consular relations and consular service play an important

role in the lives of citizens of all countries. The flexibility and efficiency of the consular service contribute, above all, to the protection of the legitimate rights and interests of citizens and legal persons, strengthening of friendly relations between states and development of international economic, humanitarian, and cultural ties between the states.

The objective of the study is to develop a holistic and conceptual view of the Consular Service of Ukraine in the administrative and legal aspects. New approaches, search for ways of a rational model of consular services' organization require the development of complex scientific and practical research in view of the needs of both administrative and legal science and practice of protecting the rights of citizens of Ukraine abroad. We consider it necessary to examine consular services and mechanisms for their implementation in terms of public management activities in more detail.