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## DEMILITARIZATION OF SSU: REFORMATIONAL STEP TOWARDS EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Internal and external political realities of the state of Ukraine in the international arena and its desire to consolidate its status of a civilized democratic state of the European level necessarily entail a process of profound reforming of the most important segment of the government – the legal system. In recent years, the judicial system of Ukraine has undergone many innovations; prosecution authorities suffered changes in the activity with the adoption of a new Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine; there began an introduction of significant changes in the advocacy.

A question of law enforcement authorities' reform is now extremely important for Ukraine. It is recognized at the highest level and listed in the Law "On National Security of Ukraine." Despite this, the Ukrainian law enforcement system is still "almost completely reproduces the Soviet model by name, form, and content." Numerous

attempts to reform it have failed up to this day; suffice it to recall an unrealized attempt to create the National Bureau of Investigation.

The purpose of this scientific paper is a scientific and theoretical research of a problem of demilitarization of SSU at the present stage of conducting in Ukraine effective state legal reforms and the development of effective and efficient law enforcement system.

The study determined that the developed concepts of reform of the state law enforcement system, including its component – demilitarization, have to exhaustively define ways to improve the efficiency of both SSU and law enforcement system as a whole, based on the optimization of its structure, enhancement of the level of coordination, improvement of its financial, technical, organizational, legal and personnel support, i.e. comply with the principles of the national security of Ukraine.