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**THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE FOREIGN POLICY
OF KIEVAN RUS DURING THE REIGN OF YAROSLAV THE WISE**

The article examines the formation and development of the main directions of the foreign policy of Kievan Rus in the reign of Yaroslav the Wise, and their impact on government formation processes.

Political stability and the welfare of the state are largely dependent on a balanced foreign policy. Building the modern Ukraine on the principles of equality and partnership with other countries takes into consideration and use of historical experience of its relations with nations that have long been close with the Ukrainian military-political, socio-economic, cultural, and religious relations. In this regard, research on the history of international relations of our country acquires the importance and relevance.

In the history of international relations of Kievan Rus, the reign of Yaroslav Vladimirovich occupies an important place that was characterized by a significant strengthening of the state,

strengthening of new borders of Kievan Rus, heavy construction and decoration of cities, the rise of crafts and agriculture, urban and rural industries, domestic and foreign trade. These advances have increased the prestige of the Kievan state in the medieval world.

Consequently, the contribution of Yaroslav the Wise in foreign policy and diplomacy development of the Kievan state is invaluable. During his reign, Yaroslav managed to ensure the strengthening of the European political arena status of Kievan Rus as a great power. By entering into new alliances and developing bilateral relations, Yaroslav was constantly balancing, not allowing strengthening of any country, but in the case seeking to increase the authority of the state. International relations of Kievan Rus developed mainly in relations with countries of Central and Western Europe, Byzantium, Khazaria, and Volga Bulgaria.