



KEY FINDINGS OF THE FIRST STAGE OF REFORM OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Based on the long-term nature of hybrid Russian aggression against Ukraine and, in a broader sense, deep crisis of the world order and international security system, for the first time in the history of an independent Ukraine, a comprehensive review of the security and defense sector was carried out; strategic documents of security and defense planning were updated in 2015-2016. Specifically, the new National Security Strategy of Ukraine, Military Doctrine of Ukraine, and the Concept for the Development of Security and Defense Sector of Ukraine were adopted. A draft of the Strategic Defence Bulletin was also developed, which provides a realistic assessment of the security environment, and defines the priorities of national security policy until 2020.

Amendments to the current laws on national security and defense were introduced. The Draft Law of Ukraine «On National Security», which involves beginning the process of systematization of legislation was worked out. A number of legislative acts were adopted, including the new Law of Ukraine «On the National Guard of Ukraine», «On Legal Regime of Martial Law», as well as amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On Defense» and so on.

Since 2014, the Ukrainian security and defense sector has been gradually transformed into an integrated system under single management. The mechanism for coordination of its components has also been improved. In particular, according to the decisions of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, the Military Cabinet of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine and the Chief Situational Center of Ukraine have been established. They are a network of centers for situational defense, and thus, the development of the security sector is actively progressing.

Reform of the intelligence agencies has been launched and military intelligence is being successfully reorganized. The Joint Committee on Intelligence at the President's office has been created, and the development/adoption of the National Intelligence Program of Ukraine is planned until 2020.

Creation of a system for supplying image reconnaissance information for the purposes of intelligence agencies, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the security and defense sector, and other consumers is on its way to be completed.

Practical cooperation with the NATO is intensified; the Alliance standards in the defense and security sector are consistently being implemented. Five corporate trusts funds have been formed; experts from NATO member states are involved in developing the processes of the security and defense sector. Comprehensive packages of assistance for Ukraine from the Alliance has been prepared. A system of strategic communications for the security and defense sector has been created; it involves the coordinated and proper use of communicative capabilities of the state - public diplomacy, public relations, civil-military relations, as well as information and psychological operations to promote state goals. Furthermore, a roadmap of partnership program on strategic communications between the Council of National Security and Defense of Ukraine and NATO International Staff has been signed.

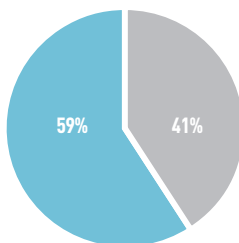
For the first time since independence, the 2015 National Security Strategy identified the need for the financing of the National Security and Defense of Ukraine in the amount no less than 5% of GDP each year, which is in accordance with the Military Doctrine of 2015, spending of at least 3% of GDP on defense. The State Budget of Ukraine for 2015 and 2016 generally respected this requirement.

The Cybersecurity Strategy, which defines ways of developing the national cybersecurity and cyberdefense, has been adopted; it should ensure a prompt and adequate response to cyber threats. Responsibilities of the system components are clearly defined within the Cybersecurity Strategy.

Thus, during 2015 and the first quarter of 2016, Ukraine not only began creating a modern system for national security as well as a highly efficient security and defense sector, but also defined a strategic vision for the system. Special responsibility for the implementation of reforms in this area rests with the heads of the security and defense sector.

PUBLIC ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE REFORM

REFORMS PERCEPTION

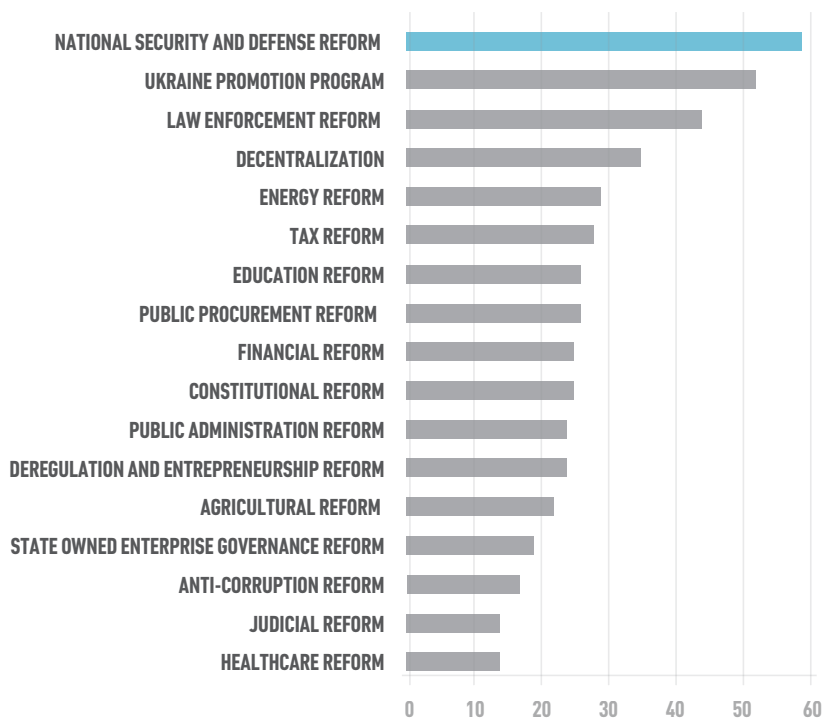


UKRAINIANS BELIEVE THAT

■ NOTHING IS CHANGING

■ CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE

ACCORDING TO THE DATA OF THE PROJECT OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REFORMS, THE SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE TNS UKRAINE REVEALED THAT CITIZENS HAS A MOSTLY POSITIVE VIEW OF THE PROGRESS OF REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE SECTOR IN 2015.



• http://reforms.in.ua/sites/default/files/upload/broshura_a4_ukr.pdf

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY OF UKRAINE

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The National Security Strategy of Ukraine goals are set to be implemented until 2020. Of the top priorities are the state's policy for national security, the reforms envisaged by the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU (ratified by the Law of Ukraine on September 16, 2014 No. 1678-VII), and the Strategy for Sustainable Development «Ukraine – 2020».

The main goals of the Strategy:

- To minimize threats to national sovereignty, to create conditions for the restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine within the internationally recognized state border, and to guarantee the peaceful future of an independent Ukraine as a democratically sovereign legal state;
- The promotion of the rights and freedoms of an individual and citizen, ensurance of a new quality of economic, social and human development, ensuring integration of Ukraine into the European Union and the creation of preconditions for acceptance into the NATO.

Achieving the determined goals requires:

- strengthening of Ukraine through sustained socio-political and socio-economic development;
- new qualitative state policies aimed at the effective protection of national interests in the economic, social, humanitarian, and other fields, a comprehensive reform of national security, and the establishment of an effective security and defense sector of Ukraine;
- new foreign policy positioning of Ukraine in the world in light of global security instability.

MILITARY DOCTRINE OF UKRAINE

(approved by Decree of the President of Ukraine of September 24, 2015 No. 555)

The Military Doctrine of Ukraine defines the main goal of Ukrainian military policy as creating conditions for the restoration of the territorial integrity, sovereignty and inviolability of state borders within Ukraine.

The main goals in the sphere of Ukrainian military policy are:

- repelling Russian armed aggression against Ukraine;
- ensuring Ukraine's defense potential maintains a level sufficient to prevent an armed conflict, and in case of an armed conflict - to localize and neutralize it;
- Ukraine's participation in the implementation of the common security and defense policy of the European Union;
- improving the system of military security that would ensure protection of the state against external and internal threats, worthy international image of Ukraine and to meet the criteria for membership of Ukraine into the EU and NATO.

Based on the principles of domestic and foreign policy, given the nature of current threats to national security, the Military Doctrine of Ukraine defines the main tasks of military policy of Ukraine for the near future and in the medium term.

CONCEPT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE SECTOR OF UKRAINE

[approved by Decree of the President of Ukraine of 14 March 2016 No. 92]

The goal of the Concept of the Development of the Security and Defense Sector of Ukraine is to define ways of forming national security and defense capacities, which will make it possible to restore Ukraine's territorial integrity within the internationally recognized state border of Ukraine, to guarantee a peaceful future for Ukraine as a sovereign, independent, democratic, social, law-governed state, and to ensure the creation of a national system for responding to crisis situations, early detection, prevention and neutralization of external and internal threats to national security, to guarantee personal security, to guarantee constitutional rights and freedoms to the individual and citizen, to ensure cyber security, and efficient joint response to crises and emergencies.

This goal will be achieved through:

- creating an effective management system of the security and defense sector as an integral functional system;
- consolidation of efficient capacities to the components of the security and defense sector to provide timely and adequate response to crises that endanger national security;
- maintainance of the security and defense forces to be in constant readiness to perform their intended tasks;
- Improved planning system in the security and defense sector, ensuring the sustainable use of national resources.

The main efforts to develop the security and defense sector will be focused on a gradual and coordinated increase of the efficient capacities to the security and defense forces and their level of preparedness for emergency response to the challenges and threats to national security of Ukraine.

STRATEGIC DEFENSE BULLETIN OF UKRAINE

Strategic Defense Bulletin was approved by the Order of the President of Ukraine No. 240 dated June 6, 2016 bringing into force the corresponding Decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

Strategic Defense Bulletin elaborates the provisions of the Strategy for National Defense of Ukraine, Military doctrine of Ukraine and the Concept of Development of Security and Defense Sector of Ukraine. It is the final document of the forecast cycle.

Strategic objectives for achieving the main aim of the defense reform have been set in the following order:

FIRST – joint command of defense forces conducted in compliance with principles and standards accepted by the NATO states;

SECOND – efficient politics, systems of planning and resources management in the defense sector using advanced Euro-Atlantic approaches;

THIRD – operational (combat, special) capabilities of the defense forces necessary for the guaranteed defeat of armed aggression, defense of the country, maintaining peace and international security;

FOURTH – joint logistics system and medical support system which can provide support of all the components of the defense forces;

FIFTH – professional development of the defense forces and creation of required military reserve.

Implementation of the Strategic Defense Bulletin provisions will support enforcement of democratic civic control of the defense sector and efficient use of resources assigned to the defensive needs. It will provide the possibility to finalize systemic reform of the Ministry of Defense, Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations, essentially supporting its potential on implementing tasks in the national defense.

CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY OF UKRAINE

(approved by Decree of the President of Ukraine of 15 March 2016 No. 96)

The goal of the Cybersecurity Strategy of Ukraine is to create conditions for the safe functioning of cyberspace, its use for the benefit of individuals, society and the state.

To achieve this goal it is necessary to:

- create a national cybersecurity system;
- strengthen the capacities of the security and defense sector to ensure the effective struggle against cyberthreats of military nature, cyberespionage, cyberterrorism and cybercrime, and to strengthen international cooperation in this field;
- ensure cybersecurity of public electronic information resources, the information that is protected by law, as well as information infrastructure that is under the jurisdiction of Ukraine, the violation of sustainable operation of which will have a negative impact on the national security and defense of Ukraine (critical information infrastructure).

The development and security of cyberspace, introduction of e-government, guarantee to security and sustainable functioning of electronic communications and public electronic information resources should be part of the state policy in the field of development of information space, and formation of information society in Ukraine.

IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION IN TERMS OF NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES

- The Law of Ukraine «On the National Guard of Ukraine» (revised edition) has been adopted;
- The Law of Ukraine «On Legal Regime of Martial Law» (revised edition) has been adopted;
- The Law of Ukraine on amendments to the Laws of Ukraine «On the Armed Forces of Ukraine» and «On Defense of Ukraine» (concerning the implementation of civil-military cooperation by the Armed Forces of Ukraine) has been adopted;
- The Law of Ukraine on amendments to some laws of Ukraine on National Security (the Law of Ukraine «On Defense of Ukraine» – in terms of clarification of some definitions, functions and tasks of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and General Staff, and in terms of creation of separate branches in the Armed Forces of Ukraine) has been adopted;
- Amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On the State Service of Special Communication and Information Protection» have been made;
- The Laws of Ukraine «On the National Police of Ukraine», «On the State Bureau of Investigation», «On Amending the Criminal Procedure Code» in terms of investigative jurisdiction allocation have been adopted;
- The Draft Laws of Ukraine on amendments to the Laws «On Defense of Ukraine» and «On Mobilization Preparation and Mobilization» have been elaborated;
- The Government approved the Draft Law of Ukraine «On Electronic Communications»;
- The Draft Law of Ukraine «On amendments to some legislative acts on engineering and transportation support of the defense sector of Ukraine in peacetime and special period» has been elaborated;

- The President of Ukraine has approved the National Intelligence Program for 2016-2020 years;
- The law enforcement reform plan has been adopted. It played an important role in receiving the positive conclusion of the European Commission with regard to Ukraine's report on the completion of the second stage of implementing the measures to liberalize the visa regime with the EU;
- The Draft of the State Target Program for the development of defense weapons and military equipment of the Armed Forces of Ukraine till 2020 has been elaborated and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- The Program for improving defensive capacity and meeting the immediate needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has been approved (the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of July 22, 2015);
- The Program for improving defensive capacity and security of the state and the immediate needs of the National Guard of Ukraine for 2015 was approved (the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of November 11, 2015);
- The Program for improving defensive capacity and security of the state in terms of coverage of the surface situation has been approved (The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of October 7, 2015);
- The Draft of the State Targeted Defense Program on optimization and restructurization of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for 2015-2017 years has been elaborated and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for consideration;
- The Draft Concept of the State Targeted Program for the development of the National Guard of Ukraine till 2024 has been elaborated;
- The Draft of the Military-Medical Doctrine of Ukraine had been elaborated (approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine at the meeting on December 23, 2015).