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REGIONALIZATION OF THE UNITARY STATE

Today in Ukraine there are significant policy changes which are associated with the course of development. A central issue of domestic and foreign political discussions is the type of government and the territorial integrity of Ukraine. The paper studies the decentralization of public authority in a unitary state. In this case decentralization aims to build a regional power. It was found that the problem of transformation of the existing type of government is primarily caused by the dominance of the unitary principle of public administration.

At the domestic level devolution of public administrations is the “appropriate response” to the integration process, and it means the identification of individual territories that have “special” features such as political identity or ethnic, historical, geographical, economic characteristics. Central government is forced to meet the requirements of the regions for expansion of domestic and international

jurisdiction. The best way of reforming the current system of government should be the decentralization of public authority. In the unitary system of government, these transformations should aim to create a regional power. Because of the relative homogeneity in Ukraine (it is relatively smooth change of the national composition, religious identity and historical identity of regions), identification of regions should coincide with the existing administrative and territorial system. It was established that in the unitary state model the promising direction of regional management modernization is the creation of regions with legislative powers as territorial units with its legal personalities and direct elections for heads of regional administrative centers. In this context, the regions are endowed with legislative powers for the organization and regulation of their authority on their territory. In fact, we are talking about the possibility of creating a regional power.