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## **INSTITUTIONS OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE MECHANISM OF REALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL FUNCTIONS OF UKRAINIAN STATE**

The article investigates the role and importance of non-governmental institutions in the mechanism of realization of the political functions of Ukrainian state.

The political function of the state is realized during the activity of the state authorities and local self-governments, as well as non-governmental institutions. Indirect impact on state and local authorities and their officials is maintained by political parties, movements, civil society organizations, unions and others. Solid foundation of interaction between civil society and democratic state is, first of all, the creation of an institutional framework for constant participation of nation and civil society organizations in managing the affairs of state and society, impact on the organization and formation of the system of public authorities, control over its activities. The interaction of civil society and government ensures effective implementation of the political functions of the state.

The role of non-governmental institutions in the mechanism of realization of the political functions of Ukrainian state is most evident through the activities and functioning of political parties and civil

society organizations, which have sufficient capacity that allows citizens to participate in political decision-making on vital issues and to exercise control over their execution.

The inclusion of civil society in this mechanism provides solution of a number of important problems: 1) public participation in making decisions on political development of the state, which allows taking into account the interests of the general public and thereby creating bases for legitimacy of decisions of public authorities in the political sphere; 2) the process of participation of citizens in solving problems in the political sphere; 3) transparency of the relevant public authorities and the creation of effective mechanisms for public control of their activities.

The author defines trends of development of civil society that are not only important in the political and legal aspects, but also form a single set of measures to ensure the organization of an efficient mechanism for implementing the political function of Ukrainian state, improve the functioning of the state in the political sphere as a whole.