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## **A PLACE AND ROLE OF CIVIL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE MODERN DEMOCRATIC STATE**

Actuality of the investigated topic is conditioned by effective modernization of the legal system of Ukraine which can be attained only providing sufficient level of development of institutes of civil society, in particular, civil associations' general will which allows attaining greater efficiency in many areas of social life.

The purpose of the article is to investigate the phenomenon of civil associations, and also to determine their location and role in the political system of the modern democratic state.

It should be emphasized, that for the last ten years the role of civil associations in Ukraine grows gradually. In the process of public modernization and state reformation they promote the solution of certain range of tasks and functions of the state.

It is marked that strengthening of civil associations' role in Ukraine is an objective law caused by need of collective

creative work, development of initiative, skills, and determining index of formation and development of civil society. Confirmation of this fact is the normative consolidation, provision and guaranteeing of the right to freedom of association.

A conclusion states that the importance of problem of place and role of civil associations is defined, on one side, by the degree of protection of rights and freedoms of man and citizen, on the other side – by legitimacy of state power. Civil associations are the guarantors of inviolability, realization and protection of the rights of man and citizen; it is the mean of organization of members of society and their realization of their interests; it acts as an effective institution of democratic control over functioning of public authorities and degree of the state intervention in public relations; it enables citizens to directly influence the process of acceptance of important for society decisions.