

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** International non-governmental organizations as an actor of world politics (the case of the International committee of the Red Cross).

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**Relevance of the research issue:** Modern international relations are characterized by obvious increase in the number of international non-governmental organizations, strengthening their role in the modern world political system and the development of forms of international cooperation. However, questions of theoretical understanding of NGOs, development of uniform, standardized approaches to their content, substance, type in modern political thought continue to remain unresolved that make actual a task of their further conceptual analysis. In addition, it is highly relevant to consider mechanisms of NGO's (especially the ICRC's) influence on the foreign policy of states and modern international relations in general.

**The purpose** of the work is to reveal features of functioning and prospects for enhancing the role of international non-governmental organizations in the modern world political system on the example of the ICRC.

**Research objectives:**

- systematize main approaches to the NGO's definition and classification;
- identify mechanisms of NGO's influence on international processes;
- research the NGO's international personality;
- identify the ICRC place on the international arena;
- analyze the political participation of the ICRC in modern international relations;

- identify problems and prospects for enhancing the role of the ICRC in the modern political system.

**Scientific novelty:** the author's definition of the term "NGO" is offered; the most effective mechanism of NGO's influence on international processes is revealed; it is proved that NGOs have their special and unique international personality; forms and tools of the ICRC participation in modern world politics are analyzed; ways for enhancing the role of the ICRC in the modern political system are offered.

**Structure:** the work consists of 2 chapters, containing 6 paragraphs, the conclusion, a 112-reference bibliography (22 of which are in foreign languages) and the 2 Appendixes. The total volume is 82 pages.

**Summary:** Acting as a specific international actor, NGOs have a major impact on the development of world politics through interaction with civil society, intergovernmental organizations and states.

As a result of the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross, one of the main trends in modern world politics in recent decades has been the idea of rendering independent humanitarian aid. The ICRC, through the complementarity of their mandates and powers, as well as by coordinating activities with other organizations, carries and will carry serious work, the positive results of which can favorably impact on modern international relations, mainly, in the solution of such questions as settlement of the international conflicts, protection of human rights, etc. It is necessary to eradicate the causes of the problems and obstacles in the way of the organization in carrying out operations, and improve the political and legal status of the organization in order to enhance the ICRC's role in the modern world political system.