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### **DEFENSE CHALLENGES OF VITAL VALUES OF WEAK STATES IN POST-COLD WAR GEOPOLITICAL ENVIRONMENT**

**ABSTRACT.** The fundamental question of any country is how to adequately protect and constantly develop, organize, shape and strengthen its vital values. From previous behavior of countries and in proportion to the few explicit statements of statesmen and scholars, it can be concluded that essential values which are common to all countries are survival (of the state, of the nation, the physical self-preservation), territorial integrity and sovereignty, and in the post-Cold War geopolitical environment more often quality of life of members of the political community and its reputation in the international community. Defending of these vital values represent the deepest sense of the state organization of each particular community. Therefore, the subject of this paper will be the complexity of the conditions in which state exists in the post-Cold War geopolitical environment, determination of its essential values as well as the challenges faced in defending them.

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