

The current state of integration processes in the world

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Over the past half century, the concept of “integration” has become an important economic category in world politics and international relations. This is due to the ability of the integration process to address a number of important problems of the modern age, including conflict-free coexistence of states, reduction of unemployment and stimulation of development.

Therefore, due to the difference in interpretation of the process of integration by different scientists, the essence of this concept was investigated and the most complete interpretation of the integration process was highlighted. Consequently, integration is nothing more than a unification of states, due to the limited natural, labor and financial resources in this or that country for the creation of goods that are competitive in these markets and overcoming the crisis phenomena in the countries, namely the impoverishment of peoples, unemployment, falling rates of national currencies, leading to social problems in these countries.

In particular, the process of integration is divided into stages from mutually beneficial trade and to full integration, which involves interaction

at all levels: economic, social policy and so on.

On the basis of the defined essence of the integration process, their role in shaping the largest associations of states in the world, namely the EU, NAFTA, WTO and NATO, was investigated. It was found that their effective activity would have been impossible without the integration process, because in order to achieve the goal, the contribution of each side was needed. Therefore, the main regulatory documents for the activities of the above-mentioned organizations were highlighted and the impact of changes in their structure on the overall performance indicators was highlighted.

Separately, it should be noted that for today the most integrated form is the European Union, at the same time there are integration unions that involve the interaction of countries only in a certain direction, for example, the WTO – international trade, or NATO – defense and security.

The study of the current state of integration processes in the world has shown that engagement in the unions of countries allows them to reach a new level of development and increase their economic, political and social potential.