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Creation and own activities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a convincing evidence of formation of not only a multipolar structure of international relations, but also some independent community as a forum for international forces opposing manifestations of the global hegemony of the US diktat.

During the jubilee - the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Organization, the SCO enlargement process and in quantitative and qualitative terms, clearly go beyond its actual borders, spreading the principles of the "Shanghai Spirit" - trust, mutually beneficial cooperation, non-violence, humanitarian and economic cooperation of all peoples and states - on different continents and covering the whole of civilization. This means that on the Second Track of the SCO international community can speak the same language - the language of public diplomacy of the SCO, on which a new quality of relations is formed.

The achieved degree of influence of the SCO today proves fruitful of 15-year efforts of the Member States of the Organization for the construction of this international structure and its mechanisms. The experience of the SCO confirms that the problems related to security in Eurasia are the problems to be solved not alone but by the wider international community represented at the Sochi International Forum.

The participants of the Sochi forum advocate for the development of new principles of "non-aligned movement" – model of 2016 based on the "Shanghai Spirit" of mutual trust and as a response to the threats and challenges of terrorism and global hegemony.

From their point of view, the key for the SCO and all states of Eurasia are issues of global security. Emerging challenges in this area include both classical approaches

based on the odious policy of "containment", and with respect to new methods applied by various destructive forces in the escalating global geopolitical confrontation. Against the background of the crisis in the global economy and security problems space of Eurasia is now experiencing the "shock wave" of global economic and geopolitical conflicts. An integral part of this problem, which every year becomes more and more serious, is the growing threat of terrorism and jihadist radicalism. The most important becomes transit of political instability from the Middle East to the neighboring regions.

The participants of the Sochi Forum unanimously agreed that the main task of the States in Eurasia is the search for and urgent implementation of mechanisms for the protection of the space and parring proliferating threats. It is therefore necessary to significantly expand the field of action of the public (the people's) diplomacy to contain both old challenges and threats, and new ones - in the face of the so-called Islamic State and other radical (terrorist) organizations. In these activities, civil society and the expert community as an integral part cannot play a lesser role than the already existing military-political structures.

The Sochi Forum participants pay special attention to the economic problems of the countries of Eurasia, affecting the formation of the financial environment, infrastructure and communication routes and transport corridors, as discussed both in the framework of Eurasian integration and on the global level. Serious attention should be paid to the issues associated with the use of new technologies, environmental management, and ensuring environmental integrity. Despite the differences of economic models states in Eurasia, they are united in the understanding of the necessity of development of productive forces and increase productivity, as well as raising the efficiency of utilization of labor resources.

The Sochi Forum participants noted that the spectrum of economic problems in the SCO countries, EAEU and BRICS requires not only comprehensive scientific research, development of reasonable decisions and programs of development, but also the widest possible discussion in civil society. In connection with this experience of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation is very interesting, which initiated the Sochi International Forum composed of 327 delegates from Russia and from 25 foreign countries. As a result, it was managed to move beyond scientific researches through large-scale inclusion of social forces in the Eurasian integration. We are confident that similar organizations in Eurasia could serve as grounds for a possible dialogue of civil society representatives.

The participants of the Sochi Forum consider it appropriate to develop a strategy and tactics of the "Big Eurasia". This strategy should be based on the definition of its objectives, the basic ideas and concepts of development. This will determine the tactics to achieve their goals, that is, tools, timeline and necessary resources (material, human, intellectual, financial and other).

It is also necessary to combine large-scale economic projects that are being implemented on the territory of Eurasia, including the EAEU, the Chinese initiative "The Silk Road Economic Belt", as well as projects involving other SCO countries, ASEAN and BRICS. On this basis the formation of common transit transport corridors, logistics and communications hubs is possible; the provision of preferential trade areas and services; creation of competitive technologies of "green economy"; provision of system of software marketing, legal and information support of entrepreneurship in the sphere of small and medium-sized businesses. Thus a special role is acquired by such new financial institutions as the Eurasian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Bank of New BRICS development.

Further, with respect to the SCO, which is the basis for the formation of the "Big Eurasia", the participants of the Sochi Forum Member States of the Organization drew attention to the complexity of environmental problems and their capital intensity. In their opinion, the SCO could become a platform for the formation of integration projects of ecological cooperation of the participating countries for the protection of biodiversity, preservation of the environment and the development of "green technologies" (biotechnology and renewable energy). In this regard, the joint project with the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation on implementation of the model of the future of mankind noosphere on the example of the Russian project "Altai Republic - the territory of the noosphere" deserves great attention.

In addition, mobilization of financial, human and intellectual resources to ensure the stability of optimal growth and development of the member states of the Organization is possible on the basis of the SCO, using also the possibility of creating of the SCO Development Bank to accumulate of temporarily free funds and their subsequent investment at the international, national and private levels. This may include the financing and crediting of the national economies and international projects and programs, intensification of mutual payments and settlements in national, collective, backup and other currencies (for example cryptocurrency), as well as the functional and institutional integration of the countries in the framework of the economic partnership.

Finally, based on the study of the value systems of friendly civilizations and building the cultural policy in accordance with this of the states belonging to the Organization, as well as the global trend to actualize issues of ethno-cultural interaction and to implement the project "Cultural Belt of the SCO". Within its framework, it is advisable to ensure the presence of friendly countries in the information field, especially in the field of popular culture, not just at the level of intellectuals and narrow section specialists.

Given the above, the representatives of the International Forum recommended to give it a permanent character and to assign the name "Sochi Forum of Eurasian Integration".