

THE ROLE OF BELARUS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”

This powerful quote will stand the test of time, because when we work together on a common goal, we can achieve things beyond our greatest imagination. That is why I consider that in modern world cooperation between countries is a key to successful solutions to the problems worldwide. Moreover, today we live in the era of globalization. It is the process of interaction and integration among people, countries, companies and governments. 2 main pillars of globalization is total reliance on digital appliances and dominance of English. Actually, globalization does not mean that we culturally become closer, we only share experiences and technologies, that is why, we should cooperate effectively to get as much benefits as we can.

Talking about Belarus, according to foreign policy of our country we are participants of many international organisations and integration groups. First of all, Belarus became a cofounder of the United Nations, when it was a part of USSR. Also we are members of such organisations as UNESCO, UNICEF, UNEP and so on. Furthermore some our historic sites are on world heritage list of UNESCO. It includes the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park, the Mir Castle Complex, the Residence Radziwil in Nesvizh and some other. I believe it can also be named a part of international dialog, because countries get acquainted with each other’s culture and history. What is more staying under UNESCO protection guarantees them self-keeping, it is also likely to attract tourist to Belarus.

Geographical position is also really important for cooperation with other countries. Belarus is located in the center of Europe between Russia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine. Our republic has developed strong cross-cultural links with not only neighboring countries but also worldwide. Geographically, historically and culturally Belarus is an integral part of Europe, situated at the crossroads of major transportation routes that link various regions of the European continent. That is why our country contributes significantly to security in Europe fighting against drug trafficking, illegal arms trade, illegal migration and trafficking in human beings. Belarus ensures safe transit of the energy resources delivered from Russia to a large part of European consumers.

Since our country gained its independence it has established diplomatic relations with many countries worldwide. Among them countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. This cooperation has proved to be effective and profitable. However China remains the key partner in the east, as the country shares Belarus' positions on many issues. For example, in 2018 an agreement on a trade economic union has been signed between Eurasian economic union and China. It brings investments, new technologies and employment for citizens, which is very beneficial for both countries.

International cooperation in the trade area can play an important role in building economic resilience to shocks by supporting a more open, diversified, inclusive and predictable trade environment. Beneficial cooperation requires the international community to act together with unity and renewed multilateralism to create a global environment free of structural obstacles, wherein all individuals, peoples and nations have opportunities for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.

Summing up, international communication is a very fluctuating issue that can give a country advantages as well as disadvantages, but it plays an integral part in economics of Belarus and partner countries.