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DEFENSE DIPLOMACY

Concept, Legal Basis, Organization



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INTRODUCTION

Each new book in the hands of a potential reader arouses the curiosity regarding what it could offer him. Therefore we will immediately satisfy the reader's curiosity and reveal what he can find between these covers. It is a political and legal study that attempts to provide answers to the following questions: what is defense diplomacy; its position and role in diplomacy and in the overall foreign policy and experiences in the normative regulation of defence diplomacy of certain European countries, as well as some tendencies in terms of organization and the way of functioning of a modern defense diplomacy.

The motive for dealing with the topic of defense diplomacy derives from the understanding that we are not sufficiently considering the importance of military force in peacetime foreign policies, on one hand, but also knowledge of the challenges and difficulties in building a functional and efficient national defense system on the other. Most of European history, as well as nowadays, clearly shows the necessity of constant theoretical and practical reviews, the development of the defense system and with persistence of reconsideration in the selection of the optimal foreign policy tools best suited to contribute to the realization of national interests.

In all foreign policy considerations, one of the key factors of each state power is a military force, together with economic, cultural and all other elements. Military power is the basis for the credibility of the foreign policy or diplomatic efforts of each country. This is a determined regularity which has its historical confirmation and which is presented in the writings of many theorists, from Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, to Clausewitz and many others. So, we can say that the selection of foreign policy tools is only one of the problems faced by theorists of international relations and diplomacy, the latter issue perhaps being more significant. It is about creating a reliable and efficient defense system, which is able to timely and adequately implement the tasks of the peacetime foreign policy of the state. That complicates the situation, because states that do not have a reliable and effective military force, have no possibility to use or to threaten to use it and become exposed to war from more prepared countries, and are forced to make concessions on a political and economic level. In this way and in the time of peace we can understand the role of military force in international relations and establish an international order of states.

That is the reason why it is necessary to analyse international legal norms according to which the defence diplomacy is implemented. This book also discusses the rules

of customary and treaty law that governs diplomatic activities, with particular analysis of practices related to defense diplomacy. Furthermore, there is the analysis of the national legal system which governs defense and security in foreign policies, as a prerequisite for a qualitative analysis of the political and legal determinants of the position of defense diplomacy. This is a necessity when one bears in mind the fact that the organizational and functional arrangements of defense diplomacy is under the jurisdiction of the national legislation.

Analysis of the organization and function of defense diplomacy is carried out in legal and political aspects. In legal terms, there are two easily distinguishable organizational and functional models, deriving from clearly defined foreign policy objectives. It is the so-called traditional and modern model of the organization of defense diplomacy. Both models are formed based on national traditions and foreign experiences, which were chosen as the representatives of the , following models of organization of defense diplomacy: **Austria** and **Switzerland**, as permanent neutral countries; **Russia**, **Germany**, **France** and the **United Kingdom**, as the most influential European states with a great tradition; as well as the **Croatia** and **Macedonia**, as states from a post-conflict region. Realization of foreign policy is essentially based on our own and foreign experience. In this context, it is very important to consider national traditions and pay particular attention to the position of a state in contemporary international politics. The Organization of functional diplomatic services and defense diplomacy of each country should be based on its overall culture of organization and its legal traditions, but also to take into account the peculiarities of the legal order, long-term foreign policy interests, contemporary international relations and good organizational experience of other countries. These are the key factors that determine the legal regulation of defense diplomacy, which will be ready to respond to the challenges of contemporary international relations and reliably implemented national interests that are under its jurisdiction.

Part of the problems presented in this book have been scientifically verified through a review process in scientific journals and at scientific conferences. These are the articles and papers resulting from the work on the mentioned issues, some of which we emphasize with the following topics: Defense diplomacy in the function of a states foreign policy of the; Intelligence services as actors of coup d'états; Functions of defense diplomacy in international law; Comparative analysis of the defense diplomacy of neutral European countries; The strategic context of the First

World War; Failure of diplomacy and the role of Serbia in the events that preceded the Great War; Culture as a tool for exercising the defense policy of Serbia at an international level; and Legislation and strategic-doctrinal documents in the field of national security and crisis management.

The Author owes immense gratitude to everyone who helped transfer creative effort between the covers of this book, which is now available to the public and for a critical scientific evaluation.