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ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REFORM OF THE NATIONAL POLICE OF UKRAINE: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

The reform of the National Police of Ukraine (NPU) is a critical component of the country's broader transformation efforts following the 2014 Euromaidan Revolution. This comprehensive analysis examines the effectiveness of the reform, highlighting both its achievements and the challenges that persist.

Background The NPU reform was initiated in response to widespread public demand for a policing system free of corruption and more aligned with European standards. The reform aimed to rebuild the police force, enhance its integrity, and improve its relationship with the public..

Achievements The reform has led to significant improvements in public trust, with surveys indicating a jump from 6-7 percent to over 80 percent following the introduction of new patrol police [1]. The recruitment of officers with higher education degrees and competitive selection processes has brought a new level of professionalism to the force [2]. Additionally, the NPU has seen the implementation of modern equipment and adherence to international standards, which have enhanced its operational capabilities [3].

Challenges Despite these positive developments, the reform faces challenges in extending its reach beyond the patrol police to other units. Resistance within the institution, particularly among the old guard, continues to impede progress. The ongoing conflict in Eastern Ukraine also presents unique challenges, stretching the NPU's resources and testing its adaptability [4].

International Cooperation International cooperation has played a vital role in supporting the NPU reform. Training, equipment, and advisory

services provided by international partners have been instrumental in the reform process. However, integrating international standards into the Ukrainian context remains a complex task.

Conclusion The reform of the NPU has made significant strides in transforming the police force into a more effective and trusted institution. While notable achievements have been made, the reform process is ongoing. Its success will depend on the continued commitment of the Ukrainian government and society, as well as sustained support from the international community.

This analysis provides a detailed examination of the reform's impact, offering insights into the dynamics of police reform in Ukraine and contributing to the discourse on law enforcement reform in post-Soviet states.

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