

USA CAUCASUS POLICY (1992-2000)

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Abstract

Article was devoted to the theme of USA Caucasus policy (1992-2000). The establishment and development of the political, economic and military cooperation of the USA with Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia were studied in this article.

The USA attitude to the processes happening in the North Caucasia also has been shown in this article.

It should be noted that, Washington began to give special attention to establish bilateral relations with the independent republics which appeared in the Caucasus after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

After recognizing the independence of these republics USA allocated financial assistance to Armenia and Georgia in economic and technical areas. In the result of strong activity of Armenia Diaspora (Section 907 of "Freedom Protection Act") Azerbaijan was deprived of the assistance.

In order to help Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia get rid of Russian influence, to ensure integration of Baku, Tbilisi and Yerevan to West and to solve other like these important issues from the early years of independence Washington tried to achieve all-round development of bilateral relations with these countries in all fields.

At the beginning of the ninetieth years of twentieth century were signed a number of agreements in trade, humanitarian and technical fields.

The official visits of Azerbaijan, Armenian and Georgia presidents to Washington in 1994, 1997 and 2000 played an important role in the development of the bilateral relations. During the visits the presidents signed many contracts with USA in different spheres.

In 1994 all South Caucasus Republics joined NATO "Partnership for Peace" program. Agreements covering economic and military fields have stimulated the development of the relations of USA with Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia.

After signing the "Century contact" in 1994 the USA attention to Caucasia increased. It is important to notice that to strengthen its position in the Caucasus in the modern era USA is interested in the further development of relations with South Caucasian Republics.

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