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TAIWAN ISSUE – A NEW WAY OF SOLVING TERRITORIAL PROBLEM IN CHINESE POLITICS AND PROBLEM OF ABKHAZIA

Conflict between Taiwan and Chinese Republic is one of the longest-running global disputes. The origin as well as the history of development of Taiwan's and Abkhazia's conflicts differs greatly. The study of the problem revealed that even though the two political problems have some apparent parallels their causes sharply contrast. In case of Taiwan we are dealing with prolongation of Chinese Guomintang legitimate rule on the island, while in Abkhazia, on the contrary, the territory of Georgia is annexed with the support of some part of separatist population instigated by a foreign country. Therefore, application of Taiwanese model in Abkhazia is unacceptable due to the fact that USA supported the ideologically opposite Chinese legitimate government while in Abkhazian case, Russia, supported by the separatist regime, annexed Georgia's territory by violating interests of absolute majority of local population.

Despite, currently elaborated Chinese policy on the Taiwan issue – “four steps towards approximation” – might be applied by us for conflict resolution in Abkhazia. The main objective of this policy is to prevent the Chinese living in Taiwan from having the feeling of isolation from China. Economics, sports, education and culture are among directions used by China to maintain Taiwanese population within the sphere of its influence.

In our opinion, such policy must be effective in case of Abkhazia as well. Moreover, Georgia may add the fifth step – healthcare to those four ones that will give more relevance to our policy towards resolution of Abkhazian issue.