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THE MUSLIM WORLD IN THE WORLD OF CIVILIZATIONS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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Contradictory dynamics of the Muslim world, its interaction with the Christian and other worlds, the emergence of the terrorist state ISIS becomes the burning civilizational issue of the beginning of the 21st century.

The scientific report of modern civilization school leader of international recognition, the President of the Pitirim Sorokin - Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute Professor Yu.V. Yakovets gives a considered scientific evaluation of the structure of the Muslim world, its historical roots and the system of civilizational values. Using the methodology of the global reproductive-cyclical macromodel it estimates a potential of the Muslim countries by 7 components of the genotype of civilizations. It develops a hypothesis about the possible formation in prospect of five Muslim local civilizations (as it happened with civilizations of the Christian world).

It substantiates proposals to enhance the role of Russia in the consolidation of the progressive forces of the Muslim world in the struggle against religious fanaticism and terrorism.

The report is addressed to scientists and educators, political, public and religious figures, to the leaders of a new generation who are to shape the future of the world of civilizations.

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What conclusions can be drawn from a brief overview of the essence of the Muslim world, its place in the modern period the historical fault line of the world of civilizations of the 21st century and a concise evaluation of its potential by the components of the genotype of civilizations?

1. The Muslim world is vast and varied. It includes both the states of the Muslim civilization in Asia, Africa and Europe, and the states as a part of other civilizations (for example, the Muslim states of the Eurasian civilization) and the enclaves in other civilizations (Western European, African, Indian, etc.). They are united by the predominance of common religion - Islam and its inherent system of civilizational values.

2. The Muslim world just as the world of civilizations, in the first quarter of the 21st century is in a deep and protracted civilizational crisis, the transformation of all the components of the civilizational genotype. Being distinguished by the rapid growth of population, and a relatively young population, low standard of living and education, the growing social and political activity, the Muslim world is becoming the epicenter of the upheavals, the explosive force in the dynamics of modern civilization. Therefore, an effective solution to the growing contradictions of the Muslim world today is of paramount importance for the future of all humanity, its main achievement - a global civilization. In the Muslim world and its relations with the Christian world is the focus of the contradictions of the modern world of civilizations and the key to its future.

3. It is necessary a balanced, science-based assessment of the potential of the Muslim world, its strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and prospects of development and interaction with the Christian, Confucian, Indian, Buddhist, and other worlds of modern humanity. Its strengths are fast-growing and relatively young population, abundant labor and energy resources, the preservation of cultural, moral and family values. Weaknesses - the low level of science, education and technology, a significant economic polarization, social and political instability in many countries, religious fanaticism, extremism and terrorism.

4. The clash of Muslim and Christian civilizations predicted by Samuel Huntington can and should be avoided. This will require a long-term policy and strategy of dialogue and partnership of civilizations, the achievement on this basis, the sustainability of global development, and most importantly - the consolidation of progressive and moderate-conservative forces within the Muslim world in the struggle against the reactionary forces intensified, ISIS religious fanatics, terrorists of all stripes.

5. Russian and Eurasian civilization at large can play a leading role in this progressive movement, as they have centuries of experience of dialogue and partnership of civilizations, nations, peoples and religions. It is necessary to come forward with an initiative for the pursuance of such a policy in the framework of the UN, UNESCO, CIS, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States and other international organizations, to thoughtfully solve issues of inter-civilizational relations within countries, EAEU and CIS. Here the initiators should be scientists together with cultural workers, religious, political and public figures.