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**Doctoral thesis summary**

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For the scientific purpose of the doctoral dissertation, the author described defining the role and principles of functioning of the Territorial Defense Forces in the Republic of Poland. Specific goals were additionally derived from the device's purpose. As a research problem the author has set the examining of the position of TDF in the Republic of Poland. To explore this topic, the author reached for a measure coming from other countries, as well as how to analyze and how to deliver the expected level of national security in regards to limited costs (comparing to operational troops).

In order to verify the hypothesis that *the Territorial Defense Forces are an important element of the national security system of the Republic of Poland, as they can significantly strengthen the potential of the Polish Armed Forces*, more detailed research problems are presented, which are developed in the following chapters. However, each of them was consistently concluded with conclusions.

The author used the following research tools: critical analysis of the literature, analysis and synthesis, deduction, induction, analogy, comparison, abstraction and inference. The key element of the doctoral dissertation is also a diagnostic survey - in this particular case in terms of an expert interview. The experts invited to take part in the interview were specialists and authorities in the researched area.

The hypothesis was positively verified, the aim of the research was achieved. The author also solved the research problem. During the research, a theoretical assumption was described (and thus also a fundamental conclusion) that TDF should not only be a type of armed forces, but an element of the territorial component of the armed forces - one of the two components of these forces - organizationally and structurally in the form of the Territorial Defense system.

The analysis of the subject, conducted in a comprehensive manner, effectively defined the role and principles of functioning of the Territorial Defense Forces in the Republic of Poland. In his dissertation, the author reached for the theories of distinguished strategists, historical events, referred to selected principles of the art of war, as well as examples of similar solutions related to national security in selected allied countries. Interestingly, the author indicates the Swiss Confederation as the country that is closest to the theory of the concept of using WOT - although this country does not define its system in this way. Other

issues that were analyzed by the author were also historical examples related to defense, as well as calculations related to the control of space not only by the Territorial Defense Forces, but also operational troops, as well as hybrid threats he described in the context of the analyzed issues. This is a particularly important topic for the Republic of Poland, which directly borders on a superpower manifesting imperialistic aspirations, whose actions, also recently and at present, indicate, for example, violation of the borders of neighboring countries with inadequate deterrent potential. It is for deterrence that an important element, according to the author, would also be the restructuring of the Territorial Defense Forces, which, apart from the organization of territorial structures in a different way, would be the main goal - a plan to create Territorial districts above the voivodeships and transforming the Territorial Defense Forces Command into the Territorial Defense Headquarters, as well as assigning it to the Minister of National Defense – it also focuses on strengthening the Territorial Defense Forces as a territorial component of the armed forces in the Territorial Defense system, and not as a type of armed forces.