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## **Globalization and International Conflicts**

Globalization has become a prominent aspect of modern global system, one of the most influential forces determining the further process of a civilization. It covers all areas of a public life, including economy, politics, social sphere, culture, ecology, safety, etc.

Within last decades a number of globalization sources have come to light.

One of them – the technological progress resulted in sharp reduction of transport and communication costs, in significant reduce in processing, storage and information use expenses. Information service is directly connected to successes in electronics – creation of e-mail and Internet.

The second source of globalization is the liberalization of trade and other forms of the economic liberalization which caused restriction of protectionism and made world trade more free. In result tariffs have been essentially reduced, many other barriers in goods and services trade are eliminated. Others liberalization measures have led to intensification of movement of the capital and other factors of industry.

It is possible to consider the third source of globalization significant expansion of organizations activity, becoming possible as a result of progress in technology and management on the basis of new means of the communications. So, many companies guided earlier only on the local markets, have expanded the industrial and marketing opportunities and came out to national, multinational, international and even a global level.

Similar structural changes strengthen positions of such companies, increase their profit, raise productivity that allow them to choose sources of raw material, to open manufacture and to fill the markets in other countries, quickly adapting to varying conditions. Practically all large enterprises have network of branches or the strategic unions which provide them necessary influence and flexibility in the market. Within the framework of such multinational corporations almost the third of world trade now is carried out.