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PROSPECTS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE IN UKRAININAN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

In 1994, Ukraine was proclaimed as an independent country. That's why there has been a lot of changes in the accounting system which was approved under the Law of Ukraine «On Accounting and Financial Reporting». The result is a new Chart of Accounts, National Accounting Standards based on International Accounting Standards, and the adoption of new forms of financial statements. However there are still many shortcomings in the accounting system, financial reporting and taxation of Ukraine.

We believe that the experience of accounting system in Canada can be an example for Ukraine. Advantages of accounting and taxation in Canada include:

- 1. approved the strategic plan for accounting in Canada 2011–2016;
- 2. tax system is easier (number of taxes in Ukraine 135, while in Canada only 15);
- 3. free Internet access to main indicators of financial system;
- 4. a lot of corporations prepare non-financial statements (using Global Reporting Initiative Standards);
 - 5. the choice to choose software of various IT-companies;
- 6. accounting training at the University (student's use fake accounting, which is very important for their future practical job).

Strategic plan of Accounting Standard's in Canada outlines the broad policy objectives that the Accounting Standards Board (the Board) has adopted to guide it in carrying out its standard-setting mission for the period 2011-2016 [1]. These standards consists of advice for publicly accountable enterprises, private enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and also standard setting capability and communications has been discovered in the strategic plan [2].

The advantage of these standards is that they are approved every 5 years. That's why accountants have enough time to read and use them at their practice. In Ukraine, the constant changes in the legal framework leads to the situation that accountant needs to read a lot of accounting journals in a short time or mistakes can be made.

It means that it's very difficult to conduct strategic accounting at the level of government and at the enterprise level. Thus financial results can't be predicted, or even lead to additional costs or losses.

To improve the accounting of foreign investments we offer:

- ✓ At the state level: to adopt the strategic plans of the development; reduce the number of taxes; cancel centralized Chart of accounts.
- ✓ At the enterprise level: every accountant should take part in the formation of a strategic plan for the company, in order to develop strategic accounting; to show separate financial statements data at the site of own company.

Implementation of these recommendations will improve the accounting system and

will help attract foreign investments in Ukraine.

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