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**ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF REFORM  
PROCESSES OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISMS**

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### **THESIS SUMMARY**

During my doctoral research, I tackled a very complex topic, the one related to the urgency and depth of the reforms that should be carried out at the level of large international organizations. My analytical approach focused primarily on explaining the extent to which, by operating some reforms regarding the functional mechanisms of international organizations, a better resolution of disputes can be reached, approaching both the global and the regional level in a balanced way.

The thesis is structured in **4 chapters** as follows:

In **Chapter 1**, entitled *The role of international organizations in the current geopolitical and economic framework*, the state of knowledge in the addressed scientific area is x-rayed, clarifying the concepts that contribute to the understanding and description of conflict situations; the chapter also includes a description of the operational conflict resolution mechanisms at the level of international organizations selected to be analyzed.

In **Chapter 2**, entitled *Analysis of the reform process of international institutions*, the results of the analysis regarding the main directions of reform of international organizations are presented, insisting on their role in the peaceful resolution of conflicts. This chapter also analyzes the various positions of different states/groups of states regarding the reform of international organizations with a role in the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

In **Chapter 3**, entitled *The effects of the reform of international institutions on the world economy*, I summarized the main effects of the reform processes operated at the level of international institutions involved in the peaceful resolution of conflicts on the world economy.

In **Chapter 4**, entitled *Indicators used to quantify the effects of the reform of international institutions involved in the peaceful resolution of conflicts*, the indicators used to quantify the effects of the reform of international institutions involved in the peaceful resolution of conflicts are presented, the most relevant being those that summarize developments in the field of economic competitiveness and in analysis of global and regional trade flows.

This research has a high degree of topicality because the information, research methods, analyzes carried out and conclusions highlight the risks present in the international economic environment and their impact on the world economy, on the functioning of international institutions and, more broadly, on the international order.