GEOPOLITICAL "DANCE" OF THE AGGRESSIVE DICTATORS

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Abstract: After studying the geopolitical developments of the last ten years, the author considers, with sufficient arguments, that the subject of this article is of public interest for Romania and its citizens, but also for NATO member states and/or for those of the European Union.

The developments on the world stage in the last ten years (after the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation) determined mainly by the great nuclear powers (USA, Russia, China), and by some emerging powers (Turkey, Iran, Brazil, India and others), have a potential role in seriously endangering world peace, including the security of European member or non-member states of NATO and/or the EU.

I believe that in this complicated and fluid context, Romania must be very careful, determined and focused to counteract, together with the Allies, the military and hybrid risks and threats coming from some state actors with obvious aggressive tendencies.

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1. Introduction

Why did I choose the title "GEOPOLITICAL DANCE OF AGGRESSIVE DICTATORS"? Because that's what I think is the "boundless friendship" between China and the Russian Federation, an aggressive couple joined by smaller state actors from Asia, Africa, South America, and even Europe.

All of them accumulated, over time, deep dissatisfaction with their place and role in the world, wanting more and more space and power at the expense of others.

I will try to take them one by one, starting with the two main actors, holders of nuclear arsenals and impressive amounts of conventional weapons.

I think it is appropriate to take a look at the geopolitical map of the world. We will find, without much surprise, that on all continents there are problems between states, some of which have the potential for military confrontation at any moment, and others are already full-fledged war zones, as, for example, it is now in Ukraine after the annexation of Crimea in March 2014 and after the massive invasion launched by the Russian

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