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## **US, EU, AND CHINA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (STRATEGIC MEASUREMENT)**

The issues of cooperation in the political, economic, military spheres of the USA, the EU, China are considered in the paper; it also pays considerable attention to the implementation of the strategic partnership, which is a major factor in the containment of aggression, not only of countries whose political views differ from those pursued by global leaders in the international system relationships. Military power and strategic partnership in military dimensions are the main measure and the lever of the fight against international terrorism. In modern history, we can observe a significant number of cases where international terrorism has hindered not only the development of individual countries, but also inflicted devastating blows on global processes such as globalization and democratization, which also influenced the level of sustainable development of entire regions and changed the strategies of the main geopolitical actors.

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While taking into account the economic factors in establishing of the strategic partnership, the issues of establishing of the military cooperation are also important. We can observe that the Senate and the House of Representatives voted for the "Ukraine Freedom Support Act"<sup>1</sup> on December 11, 2014 and this is indicative of the the US and NATO interest in establishment of further partnership with Ukraine.

It is clear that the USA pay much attention to the issue of military cooperation since the military power is the main factor for suppressing aggression not only of the countries, whose political views differ from the policies that are conducted by Washington in the plane of the system of international relations. The military power and strategic partnership in the military dimensions are a key measure and leverage in the international terrorism war. We can trace a substantial number of cases in the contemporary history, when the international terrorism not only became an obstacle for the development of individual countries, but also inflicted crushing blows on such global processes as globalization and democratization, which, correspondingly, also influenced the level of stable development of entire regions and changed the strategies of the major geopolitical actors.

Strategic partnership plays a key role for the USA not only in establishing of the high security level, but also in a series of measures, aimed at democratization of the modern world space. Thus, military cooperation of the USA with Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, Thailand, and other countries shows that the partnership in the sphere of security helps to neutralize the risk of regional instability<sup>2</sup>. It should also be noted that the strategic partnership is a certain model of development and cooperation between the leading world countries that provide high security level both at the local and regional or global levels thanks to the strategic partnership.

It is clear that in order to achieve this goal, they have to apply a number of measures to strengthen the strategic partnership since the partnership is a key element of the modern security system of the leading world countries.

Let us note that it is possible to achieve high partnership level with the help of the set of measures, aimed at developing of partnership relations in the long term. Partnership establishment in today's world space is rather a cumbersome process that requires unconventional approaches. Therefore, when establishing the strategic partnership, which can provide a high level of security, it is necessary to take into account a number of factors, among which the economic factors of collaboration and cooperation should be

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<sup>1</sup> H.R.5859 – Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014. <https://www.congress.gov> <<https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/5859/>> (2017, December, 15).

<sup>2</sup> Despeignes, P. (2017). U.S. wants APEC agenda to include security issues, *Peronet Despeignes*. <http://usatoday30.usatoday.com>. <[http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-10-19-us-apec\\_x.htm](http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-10-19-us-apec_x.htm)> (2017, December, 10).

distinguished; it is also necessary to take into account the military component of such cooperation, which may affect the geopolitical imperatives of neighboring countries. However, there is also a need to consider the factors of the strategic partnership establishment in the political plane with the account and analysis of the democratization processes of the US partner countries. Cultural peculiarities of the partner countries are also undoubtedly an important factor in establishing the stable and strategic partnership that is taken into account by the political analysts and strategists that adjust the above processes under the supervision of Washington. However, the global space is changing dynamically and therefore the US political strategies are also exposed to changes.

Unlike the USA, which increase the strategic partnership dynamics in the global space, China makes a more profound change of the vector of its development. Beijing established partnership relations with most major countries, BRICS, G20, and neighboring countries at different levels, but on the basis of the general principle of partnership – not to confront each other, but seek for the common<sup>1</sup>. It is clear that the most pressing Beijing issue is the process of the economic sector development and cooperation establishment with the leading world countries, as well as the process of search for the resources, particularly natural recourses, in order to augment its economic potential. Consequently, the USA, as the main market for selling the products, are the most beneficial and productive partner for China, but in order to search for natural resources, Beijing pays more attention to the West, particularly, it establishes partnership relations with the Russian Federation.

Strategic partnership in the global space for China is primarily an attempt to increase the production level, which, of course, would have further positive implications for gradual economic growth. However, the relative consumption potential of the global space provokes Beijing to carry out radical reforms, which are also related to the search and development of strategic partnership, which would primarily provide benefits for expansion of the market for selling products, but this will not happen because of significant transformations of the world economic system, which is in the state of stagnation.

The strategic partnership of China in the global space is less adapted to cooperation and collaboration due to the cultural differences and preservation of the Confucianism traditions, which fill the socio-cultural space of "Tianxia" However, it is these features that help China not to lose its own authenticity in the conditions of global transformations.

It is clear that the strategic partnership provision for China is an essential component of its development in the system of international relations. Consequently, the strategic partnership helps to support the security policy, which provokes a considerable interest of the leading actors of the system of international relations. Therefore, the increase in the military power and presence of the Chinese troops in the Asia-Pacific region is a point of concern in Washington.

Hence, China tries to not only spread its own economic, military, and political influence in the Asia-Pacific region, but also to extend the sphere of its political interests and ambitions as a country that is rapidly developing towards Middle Asia and East of Russia, which is undoubtedly of interest for researchers. We can see, in particular, the desire of Beijing to establish a close partnership in the agreement on friendship and cooperation between China and Russia, which entered into force on July 16, 2001 and which states that "the friendly relations between China and Russia are a new type of international relations that are based not on the alliance, but on the refusal of confrontation"<sup>2</sup>.

Thus, the strategic partnership is important for China because it helps to spread its own strategic plans, which are based on dominance in the political sphere with the account of the military and economic potential, rather than to establish equality and spread a stable globalization level. In the modern conditions of the political processes development, we can see only the origination of such plans, which though are successfully implemented by Beijing.

However, it should be noted that the USA and Russian Federation try to establish strategic partnership with China not only in the economic space, but also with the account of their own interests, but the Chinese development strategies seem to be more effective and efficient in the global space. Beijing's usage of a number of the economic tools allows implementation of the plans to spread the Chinese influence in the global space with high level of efficiency. China wants to consolidate the status of the potentially responsible world power in the international arena that can actively participate in the processes

<sup>1</sup> Dai, Zhiting. (2010). Concepts Defining Bilateral Relations. *Global Times*. 3rd, 5th edition.

<sup>2</sup> China-Russia Good-Neighborly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation. <http://news.xinhuanet.com>. <[http://news.xinhuanet.com/ziliao/2002-08/21/content\\_5322\\_02.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/ziliao/2002-08/21/content_5322_02.htm)> (2017, December, 10).

of global governance over the regional and international projects and be an active subject of the international relations.<sup>1</sup>

Concentration of the economy on the entrepreneurship allows Beijing to rapidly develop and make flexible changes in the global environment challenges. One of the peculiarities of the Chinese economic development is not only the ideological component, but also a kind of social movement in support of the entrepreneurship development in all spheres of economic activities. However, it should be emphasized that the social movement, aimed at economic development, is also significantly supported in the process of implementation of the governmental programs that, by their policy, support business and educational programs, as well as skillfully carry out the commercialization of the scientific and technical developments. An important indicator of mobility and flexibility of the Chinese economic potential is its ability to implement and introduce the scientific and technical know-hows in the sphere of economic activities, which definitely makes a constructive influence on the level of the economic (and thus political) development. Beijing also gained such a high level of economic development thanks to the strategic partnership establishment, particularly with the USA, which invested significant resources into the Chinese industry. The investments and the technological development growth positively influenced the growth in the security level of China that can increase and augment the level of the strategic partnership both with other countries of the global space and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

However, unlike China and the USA, the EU is a separate structure in the system of international relations, which also requires detailed consideration because of the fact that it has close relationships with these two leading actors in the global space. It is clear that there is some dependence of the EU on the economy, military cooperation, and political processes in the system of international relations with the USA, but Brussels also establishes close cooperation and develops strategic partnership with the neighboring countries. The European Union conducts its own policy within the boundaries of the "Eastern Partnership" in two dimensions: bilateral and multilateral<sup>2</sup>.

Strategic partnership is also an integral part of the EU in the conditions of the gradual globalization and expansion of this structure and subsequent transformation of the European space in the geopolitical dimensions. We can state the fact that the strategic partnership of the European Union serves as a specific mechanism for further expansion of this association, which does not have any equivalents in today's world space.

However, we can see that despite the strategic partnership establishment in the regional and global dimensions, the EU faced a number of threats in its internal and external security, among which, first of all, we would like to name the

- problems, associated with the proliferation of illegal migration. The issues of illegal migration exert a rather destructive influence on the EU development level in its economic dimensions. Therefore, the inflow of illegal migrants, especially from the Middle East countries, which was caused by the military actions in Syria, severely damages the economic development of the European space and increases the criminalization level of the society. The destruction of such countries as Libya, Syria, and Iraq, as well as the creation of the ISIL, started the process of the uncontrolled "inflow" of migrants into the EU countries. It is expected that the number of refugees in 2015 will exceed 1 mln. of people<sup>3</sup>.

- The increase in the level of activity of the terrorist organizations that are trying to promote their own values, which differ from the established European views on preservation of the human rights and freedoms that are based on the democratic development principles. The increase in the terrorist threats and spread of the terrorist acts in the EU definitely exert a destructive influence on the level of the European society development in the economic, socio-cultural, and, which is the most important, political space, which will undoubtedly lead to some changes in the EU countries' policy. On March 27, 2016, the ISIL published the appeal of one of the gunmen, the organizer of the group "Sharia4Belgium" H. Shaib, with the threats of new terrorist acts in Europe. The message started with a warning in French that the terrorist acts

<sup>1</sup> Tie, J.Zh. (2005). China: Towards Regional Actor and World Player. *Global Politics of Regionalism: Theory and Practice*. – Edited by Marry Farrell, Luk Van Langenhove and Björn Hettne. London, 237.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit. (Warsaw). <http://www.easternpartnership.org>. <[http://www.easternpartnership.org/sites/default/files/joint\\_declaration\\_eap\\_summit.pdf](http://www.easternpartnership.org/sites/default/files/joint_declaration_eap_summit.pdf)> (2017, December, 20).

<sup>3</sup> Дюк-Кван Нгуэн. Штефания Зуммерматтер. Миграция и беженцы в Европе: цифры и факты. <http://www.swissinfo.ch>. <[http://www.swissinfo.ch/rus/интерактив\\_миграция-и-беженцы-в-европе--цифры-и-факты/41557352](http://www.swissinfo.ch/rus/интерактив_миграция-и-беженцы-в-европе--цифры-и-факты/41557352)> (2017, December, 20).

in Brussels were only "the beginning"<sup>1</sup>. We can see certain crisis trends inside the European Union and the so-called resistance to further Europeanisation of the continent, which is evidenced by the process that was activated after the referendum in Great Britain, namely Brexit;

- growth in the threats, associated with intensification of the conflicts, including the conflicts that are related to the military intervention attempts and deployment of the "hybrid war" in eastern Ukraine, which can also be expanded and spread in other regions that are adjacent to the EU; here we mean the attempts to deploy the confrontation near the "Kaliningrad region and in the region of the "Baltic countries". Such Russian Federation actions constitute a significant threat not only for the security of the EU but also for the security of the whole system of international relations, whose architecture was built on the principles of compliance with the international law. Accordingly, the international law violation constitutes a threat for the architecture of all the relations between the countries in the modern space, can lead to destruction of the globalization process, and, of course, make a negative influence on further development of democratization of the world space and thus on adherence to the fundamental human liberal values, rights, and freedoms. The events in Ukraine confirmed the fact that, instead of formation of the "circle of friends" around the EU that is provided by the neighborhood policy, something more like a "fire circle" of armed conflicts appeared on the EU borders<sup>2</sup>.

The EU, in its development structure, basically faced the manifestations of the global threats. It is these above-mentioned dangers, such as illegal migration, terrorism, and deployment of the "hybrid war", that can minimize further transformations of the European space, however, these destructive processes can also significantly damage the security space architecture of the today's world.

In order to prevent dissemination of such conflictogenes, there is a need to deploy and activate the work on the strategic partnership establishment with all the leading actors of the system of international relations. The system of international relations as a synergetic structure, despite its vulnerability, can efficiently respond to the challenges of contemporary globalization, as well as it can overcome not only the threats of the "hybrid war" and terrorism, but also solve problems that are related to economic development, environmental threats, and technogenic threats, etc., thanks to establishment of the stable and equal partnership as a new form of cooperation in the globalization processes.

The EU has to provide a stable level of economic development and maintain effective internal policy, aimed at adhering to the equality between the member states, at the regional levels. However, it is also necessary to provide a high level of further transformation and expansion of the EU in the conditions of globalization, which will allow developing the economic (and thus political) potential of the European space. Such measures will certainly make a constructive influence on the entire system of relations in the regional dimensions that will also allow establishing of the qualitative level of communication and spreading of the strategic partnership, which will be a guarantee of stable development of the security space, in which Brussels will play key parts.

It is also necessary to emphasize the need to increase cooperation and establish strategic partnership between the EU and China as a major player that can provide the markets of the whole world space with the consumer and industrial products. The strategic partnership between the PRC and the EU is characterized by an increase in the volume of the mutual trade turnover, which grew by four times from 1998 to 2008, and it increased by 50% (up to 412 billion USD) from 2008 to 2012. Hence, the EU is a significant exporter for China (17% of total exports) and China is the second largest export market for the EU (8%); the volume of the bilateral investments between the EU and China increased tenfold from 1998 to 2012<sup>3</sup>. Such cooperation in the strategic spheres can provide the EU with the new opportunities for economic development that will also encourage the security imperatives.

However, it should be noted that, despite everything, the EU should continue establishing close cooperation with the USA as a leading actor in the system of international relations. It is the USA and NATO support that can ensure a stable level of security and further democratization of the EU and the whole Eurasian space in the conditions of today's world.

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The strategic partnership in its global dimensions cannot be based only on cooperation between the EU and the USA and China, however, it is necessary to consider the interests of these two actors and implement our own pro-European policy in the system of international relations, which would be aimed at overcoming of the globalization challenges, related to proliferation of terrorism, illegal migration, and "hybrid war", which is also a significant danger for the transformations of the today's world space.

**Conclusions.** The study of the strategic partnership in the modern space is quite complex and extraordinary because of an increase in the level of threats, associated with the spread of international terrorism, "hybrid wars", and other threats that will accompany our world space, which is in the process of globalization. We can assume that not only the level of threats will increase, but also there will appear some new threats for the world space development with an increase in the globalization dynamics. Therefore, we believe that it is necessary to continue studying the leading actors of the system of international relations and their actions that are aimed at establishing the strategic partnership and evaluating the level of the international environment security, which is interconnected with the partnership establishment in all its dimensions.

We should also try to study the measures, aimed at enhancement of the security level, since this approach will give us a clearer idea of what crisis counteraction forms are the most effective and it will provide a possibility to develop qualitative approaches in the fight against the international terrorism, "hybrid wars", and other threats, including the ones for our country.

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