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The US strategy, a threat to the peoples of the world

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Openly supremacist, colonialist and racist-xenophobic, Trump's national security strategy includes new or reformulated threats. It is old-style imperialism, adapted to deal with the current challenges to US hegemonic power.

Those who follow the international situation are not surprised by the <u>document</u> published on 5 December. After all, the second Trump administration has been building on the ideas finally set out by the White House for almost a year, in a kind of global MAGA, designed to recapture the role the United States played just after the Second World War. Nor can we assume that everything he says is achievable. What Trump wants is one thing, what he will get is another. In any case, knowing his objectives is useful and essential in the fight against the new extreme right and imperialism.

Trump and the billionaires who support him are not inventing inequality between nations, or the exploitation of the richest and most powerful over others. His predecessors were also imperialists. What is new is that they are making a radical about-turn in the way they see and act in the world - and they are saying so clearly, regarding the previous versions of the document as weak and inadequate. The aim is to impose a new model of exploitation and oppression.

Under this strategy, economic interests replace any semblance of a desire to "extend democracy" across the globe. This is made explicit when it defends respect for regimes different from its own (with the exception of those in Europe). It determines that its technological and energy supremacy requires the unblocking of all transport routes and supply chains. Military force, backed up by AI and atomic technology, will be used to ensure total access to fossil and non-fossil resources, as well as critical minerals, regardless of the territory concerned. Global warming is a harmful ideology.

The Western Hemisphere (i.e. essentially America, including Canada and everything south of the Rio Grande) is acquiring a priority it has not had for decades. The "Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine" reveals that the US wants "a Hemisphere whose governments cooperate with us

against narco-terrorists, cartels, and other transnational criminal organizations; we want a Hemisphere that remains free of hostile foreign incursion or ownership of key assets, and that supports critical supply chains; and we want to ensure our continued access to key strategic

locations." The sovereignty they are interested in is their sovereignty.

It is worth noting the "ownership of key assets". In the lengthy chapter on how they see and will deal with rising China, it is clear that it is about doing business with the Dragon, but demanding investment in the US, a rebalancing of trade and an end to the expansion of Chinese companies into low-income countries (Latin America, Africa and South East Asia). As well as guaranteeing US hegemony over technology and critical energy and mineral resources, the text proposes to prevent Chinese hegemony over the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait - to do this, it calls for the arming of Japan, South Korea and Australia, as well as the strengthening of India as a competitor in the region.

As far as allied Europe is concerned, there are provocative diagnoses, such as that of "civilizational erasure" (due to immigration and the "weakness" of governments) and the contemptuous tone used to deal with the Russian threat to the continent, which the text plays down. The strategy demands that global partners, but in particular Europe, share security spending and criticises the western part of the Old Continent for its alleged attacks on freedom of expression, particularly with regard to the "patriotic parties" whose rise it welcomes.

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The strategy of Trump and his hawks decrees the end of the previous era, in terms of both economic cooperation and immigration. Its reformulated imperialism allows no movement of labour, turning non-white, non-Christian workers into the fundamental enemies of the new era. As in this case, the strategy reformulates the principles, objectives and tools used by the United States and capital since the end of the Second World War. We are already facing this gigantic change. It is not certain that Trump and the new global far right will achieve their goals, as their actions open up new and strong contradictions. But the struggle that has begun will be tough.

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