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AT HOME IN THE AMERICAS: CANADA, THE US, AND HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

Expectations and strategies: Quo Vadis South America?

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THE WAR IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE POLICY BY OTHER MEANS

Clausewitz.
THE PEACE IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE WAR BY OTHER MEANS

Vladimir Lenin
WHAT IS STRATEGY?

IT IS THE ART OF THE TIME AND THE DISTANCE, THE CAPACITY TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH A VISION OF LONG TERM
THE CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD PRODUCT

World Bank, October, 2008.
GROSS WORLD INTERNAL PRODUCT

CURRENT GDP (%)

WORLD GDP 2007 %

USA 28%
OTHERS 23%
JAPAN 10%
CHINA 4%

WORLD GDP 2025 %

USA 27%
OTHERS 21%
INDIA 5%
CHINA 15%
JAPAN 7%
EU 25%

WORLD GDP 2050 %

USA 26%
OTHERS 10%
INDIA 28%
CHINA 17%
JAPAN 4%
E.U 15%
EFFECTS IN THE NEEDS OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE PROJECTED GROWTH
STRATEGIC EFFECTS OF EASTERN GROWTH

- Expansion of the Oriental influence and the creation of economic dependencies
- Roll of the soft power and the absolute and unrestricted war concepts
- Region of natural resources supply

Resources demand in constant growth

Region of natural resources supply

Russia

Iran
SOUTH AMERICA IS MORE AND MORE IRRELEVANT FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW.

BUT, AS FOUNT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, IT WILL BE MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE EMERGENT POWERS.

OUR HEMISPHERE WILL NOT BE THE SAME IN THE FUTURE WITH SOUTH AMERICA THAN WITHOUT IT.
RELATION N – S: ALCA vs ALBA
STRATEGIC TREATIES OF ASSOCIATION AND FREE COMMERCE

SOUTH AMERICA AND THE WORLD
THE SOUTH AMERICAN INTEGRATION PROCESS: THREATS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY

INCREMENTING EXTERNAL INFLUENCES: CHINA, IRAN AND RUSSIA
CURRENT SITUATION

- THERE ARE TWO OPPOSITE VISIONS FOR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOP IN SOUTH AMERICA.
- MANY COUNTRIES SHOW SYMPTOMS OF DEMOCRATIC REGRESSION.
- THE EXPANSION OF THE BOLIVARIAN IDEOLOGY IS CREATING POLITICAL CONFLICTS; AND A SOCIAL ANTI–AMERICAN CULTURE, SEPARATING THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.
THE SITUATION IS CRITIC FOR STABILITY, PEACE, AND GOVERNANCE IN THE REGION.

THERE IS AN INCREASING PRESENCE OF CHINA, RUSSIA AND IRAN IN THE REGION.

CHINA IS BEING TRANSFORMED IN ONE OF THE MAIN COMMERCIAL PARTNERS OF THE REGION, BUYING NATURAL RESOURCES IN ADVANCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS (FUTURE MARKETS)
THE SITUATION OF FRAGMENTATION AND INTEGRATION IN SOUTH AMERICA

The Andean Community of Nations

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WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN AN:

- OPEN INTEGRATION TO THE WORLD, WITHOUT EXCLUSIONS OR,
- A CLOSED INTEGRATION CENTERED IN THE REGION, ANTI GLOBALIZATION AND ANTI USA.

IT IS NECESSARY TO MEASURE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL THE HEMISPHERE OF A DIMINUTION OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

WE MUST FACE THE INCREASING OF IDEOLOGICAL LEVELS OF CONFLICT IN THE REGION.
CONTINUE:

- The South American political process is approaching the region to Asia and moving away from America.
- In this context, in 2025, the hemisphere will not be the same without South America.
- It is imperative to rebuild a solid political confidence between the North and the South.
- The North must understand that the diverse of the region requires the implementation of policies case by case, not collective, that respect the capacities, weaknesses, threats and realities of each country.
THE EFFECTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 2008–2009

- THE CREATION OF THE UNASUR.
- THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN DEFENSE COUNCIL.
- THE VOTING SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF CUBA IN THE OAS.