

EVOLUTION OF ROMANIAN-RUSSIAN POLITICAL-MILITARY RELATIONS POST-1989

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Abstract: *1989 momentum triggered the Romanian escape from Communism. Thus, the situation started to change in the Romanian-Russian relations when Russia got smaller and Romania took the chance to make a different political turn and entered a step-by-step way toward democracy and western values. Meanwhile, on the way to nowadays, a lot of changes were produced in their bilateral relations moving between cooperation to confrontation, many of them being mainly the result of two factors: Romanian shift to the Euro-Atlantic structures, policies and modus vivendi and Russia's aggressive foreign policy in its vicinity. As direct consequence, in the past two decades and a half from the collapse of the USSR, Romanian – Russian relations on the whole oscillated between tension and negative passivity on the grounds of former difficult historical legacy.*

In our paper we will present some key moments and their consequences on Romanian-Russian political-military relations.

Key words: *tensions, cooperation, Romania-Russia, political-military relations, passivity, aggression.*

Introduction

Romania and Russia have common historical religious roots in Orthodoxy and their ethno-cultural similarities, but between them there is a complicated common history of diplomacy and war, which by its nature created anxiety in the Romanian-Russian relationship due to the existence of unresolved issues: the problem of the Romanian treasure which was

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