

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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