

THREATS AND RISKS OF TERRORIST NATURE IN THE CONTEMPORARY SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

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Abstract: *Terrorism is a phenomenon whose success is based, in fact, on the creation or identification of security breaches, of niches that allow the access or infiltration of espionage elements within security systems. It may be added that, viewed as a whole, terrorist offenses are those which, in a specific case, constitute serious threats, with the tendency to repeat themselves. In the meaning of the concept of terrorism, the nature of the action's motive is not important, but its method of execution.*

The risks are perceived at the potential level and can become real in a context where the security environment is influenced by concrete vulnerabilities. If the risk materializes, it can be seen as a threat. The risks lead to threats, the threats lead to the onset of the crisis, the crisis leads to a conflict, and the conflict can extend through the implicit repercussions in a security environment characterized by a high ratio of instability and unpredictability, by manifesting new risks and threats, especially asymmetric, by redefining the relations among the great powers and increasing the freedom of action of the regional factors.

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Contemporary security environment

At the beginning of the millennium, the world entered a new phase of its evolution, marked by the coexistence and confrontation of some major positive tendencies with others that generate risks, threats and dangers. Nowadays, at the beginning of the third decade of this millennium, the world continues to be strongly conflicted. The causes of conflicts operate in the field of access to resources, of their distribution mechanisms, but also of the existing differences of ethnic, religious, cultural and ideological nature.

Worldwide, the security environment presents, as a whole, a series of features, consisting of: the dissolution of bipolarity and the entry into a new period, in which only the US proves to have real capacities and possibilities

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