

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

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***Abstract:** In the article the author briefly presents some of the most important political, economic and military concerns from post-Soviet Russia, as consequence of some major events taking place in the late years of the 20th century and first years of the 21st century emphasizing some main aspects of „National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation until 2020”.*

Concomitantly, the principles promoted and supported in global and regional concerns by the current Russian leaders are brought into attention focusing on certain unprovoked aggression, manifested against their neighbours in the „close vicinity”.

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The political, economic, military and cultural **evolution** of the Russian Federation following the collapse of the Soviet Union was and will always be in the attention of political-military specialists around the world and, especially, the ones from the US and European states, members or non-members of European Union and/or NATO. Equally, the global public opinion and particularly the citizens in the countries considered by Russian leadership as their ‘close vicinity’ were, are and will be worried by the aggressive behaviour of Kremlin, peculiarly manifested along the third round of Vladimir Vladimirovici Putin presidency.

After the implosion produced following the events triggered by the **Fall of the Berlin Wall** (November 9, 1989) and particularly by the internal situation increasingly intricate in-between ’90-’93 years, from the former

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