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A New Era of Geopolitics in Europe: How Can the EU Secure a New Peace in Ukraine?

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Russia's aggression against Ukraine has posed an unprecedented threat to the contemporary European and international security order. It has caused unjustifiable bloodshed, undermined Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and revived the prospects of major conflict in Europe. The European Union and the West have responded with exceptional measures, including a strong package of economic and targeted sanctions to the Kremlin, the provision of military equipment to Ukraine, and the use of common European resources to strengthen the defence capacities of the country.

Current transformations of the global order also demand a stronger role of the European Union if it still wants to play its part. The renewed centrality of security and defence in Europe has reinvigorated the role of NATO, while concepts such as European strategic autonomy must evolve to add value to multiple areas of the EU's external action, from geoeconomics and trade to digital and technological transformations, global health, climate policies, cybersecurity, or artificial intelligence. In line with the challenges posed by a more geopolitical environment, the EU must acquire the capabilities, align its strategic priorities, and enhance the political will to act as a global player and speak on an equal basis to other global powers.

CIDOB's annual War and Peace conference "A New Era of Geopolitics in Europe: How can the EU secure a new peace in Ukraine?" will unfold in two main directions. First, it will analyse the security architecture in Europe after Russia's aggression in Ukraine and the extent to which the EU and other actors can help securing a new peace in the continent, while keeping alive the ambition of European strategic autonomy. Second, it will assess the comeback of a more geopolitical environment and discuss whether the EU is sufficiently equipped to act as an effective and constructive global player.

09:30 **Opening**

Laia Bonet, Third Deputy Mayor, Barcelona City Council
Antoni Segura, Chairman of the Board, CIDOB

09:45 **Introduction**

Javier Solana, Honorary Chairman of the Board, CIDOB; President, EsadeGeo

10:00 **Securing a new peace in Ukraine and the prospects for European strategic autonomy**

A discussion between:

François Heisbourg, Special Adviser, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS)

André Sapir, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

Jeremy Shapiro, Research Director, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar, Director of Digital Society Institute, European School of Management and Technology, Berlin; former Ambassador-at Large for Cyber Diplomacy, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Chaired and moderated by:

Anna Bosch, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, TVE

Followed by a debate between the speakers

11:15 **Coffee break**

11:45 **The comeback of geopolitics in Europe: what role for the EU?**

A discussion between:

G. John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

Andrey Makarychev, Professor of Government and Politics, University of Tartu, Estonia; Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB

Leslie Vinjamuri, Director, US and the Americas programme, Chatham House

Lanxin Xiang, Director, Institute of Security Policy, Shanghai; Visiting scholar, Elliott School, Washington DC

Chaired and moderated by:

Judy Dempsey, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe; Editor in Chief, Strategic Europe

Followed by a debate between the speakers

13:00 **Debate with the audience**

13:30 **Closing Remarks**

Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB