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## **New Tendencies in US-Russia Relations under the Biden Administration and an Outlook for the Future**

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The relationship between the United States and Russia under the administration of Donald Trump was unique for American and Western observers due to Trump's friendlier relationship with President Vladimir Putin, however, there were little to no concrete attempts to improve relations between the two countries. This can be attributed to the Trump administration being plagued by investigations by the US Congress for alleged election interference by Russia and several other attempts by to stunt the improving of relations by Congress. However, after the recent presidential election and the victory of Joe Biden, there can be attempts to improve the diplomatic relationship between the two countries, that can hopefully be applied by future administrations as well.

As evidenced during Biden's first week in office, he and President Vladimir Putin reached the agreement to renew the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (hereinafter referred to as New START) [1]. The decision to renew and continue the New START agreement offers a fresh perspective, and a concrete action, that is a step in the right direction in improving relations. It also proves that it is possible for the United States and Russia to come together on certain issues, rather than the US to constantly see Russia as a threat or an enemy. Nonetheless, one concrete action will not be enough to heal US-Russian relations during Biden's term. He, and his Cabinet, will need to find and create other opportunities of mutual understanding and dialogue to show that improving US-Russia relations is an intentional goal and not a one-off event.

A serious issue that consistently hampers US-Russia relations is the use of sanctions [2,3]. This tactic and decision by not just the United States, but the West as a whole, for practically every action that Russia takes domestically and internationally, needs to be challenged and replaced by another, more diplomatic approach [4,5]. The imposition of sanctions as a form of punishment merely supports the idea of the leader of the issuing country, and rarely does the US try to understand and educate itself on why Russia took such actions, as in the Crimean case. Until the US stops trying to be intermediary and solve all of Russia's political actions and removes current sanctions and stops issuing them, the state of diplomatic relations will always be at somewhat of a standstill. Moreover, especially in light of recent, unprecedented and unpresidential comments by US President Joe Biden, the US *must* improve its dialogue not only with Russia, but towards Russia. Without dialogue and mutual understanding, the state of relations will continue to degrade. Therefore, these anti-Russian and Russophobic actions and rhetoric must end immediately.

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