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Russia, Europe and Sustainable Development in the Multipolar World

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The present international relations landscape can be described as a multipolar world order, with the unipolarity of the United States in the early 21st century giving way to a more balanced international landscape as American share of global power declines and more major powers are playing important roles (Ashford, 2023). The present global agenda has put an emphasis on sustainable development, especially the managing of the climate crisis which is a growing international concern, with the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement targeting the limitation of gas emissions to prevent a warming of the world above 1.5 degrees Celsius. However, the current international landscape is complicated with confrontations between major powers (especially between Russia and Western powers) and the reluctance of the United States to play an important role in managing global challenges, especially due to the return of President Donald Trump who has sided against sustainable principles in development and the global climate agenda. For Russia and Europe, despite of the current crisis in relations, sustainable development can be one of the key areas of cooperation in case of an improving of relations can be implemented on a wider scale, but can also be currently done with EU member states which do not have a confrontative stance on Russia. Two fields of sustainable development can be identified as cooperative prospects: 1) renewable energy cooperation, especially nuclear energy, and 2) cooperation regarding is necessary to tackle global challenges, especially those induced by the climate crisis and the reluctance of the United States to play an important role in these issues. The analytical framework used is the concept of cooperation as defined by Axelrod and Keohane (1992). Data is collected through literature review and with qualitative methodology. the Arctic. This article argues that cooperation between Russia and European countries, with their large geopolitical clouds, are important and

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