

# *More from NATO*

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In addition to dividing the world into two sides, where the good guys are the NATO guys and the bad guys are the rest of us, in the Spanish meeting of the military alliance the Russian Federation was treated for the first time as an enemy, and China was described as "a systemic challenge".

These are concepts that the United States has always maintained, expressed in a policy of permanent and repeated sanctions against Moscow and attempts to curb Chinese economic and industrial development, including the "tariff war" implemented by Donald Trump.

Far away seem those times, such as during the summit of the militarist group in Portugal in 2010, where Russia was considered a "strategic partner" because there was, perhaps, the hope that the Eurasian nation would bend its head, or knees, and accept the hegemony of the White House.

With marked cynicism, the document entitled Strategic Concept assures that NATO was never a threat to the Russian Federation and that it does not seek confrontation, a lie that becomes evident just by looking at a map of how its forces have been deployed towards northeastern Europe.

The Cold War was not inaugurated by the then Soviet Union but by the West, frightened by the courage and strength of the Red Army.

With regard to China, a turbulent scenario is opening up, not only because of the way in which the fundamental document emanating from the Summit is expressed, but also because of the presence at the Madrid meeting of representatives from Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

This shows that NATO is once again ready to cross its borders to bring its destructive power to other parts of the world, in this case in Asia and the Pacific, a threat that should not be taken lightly.

Some pawns had already moved forward on this board, among them the military alliance between the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States known as AUKUS, announced on September 15, 2021.

There, by the way, Washington once again showed the contempt it has for its allies, because it ordered Australia to cancel an agreement with France for the construction of modern submarines valued at 56 billion euros.

The Chinese response to the remarks made in Madrid against that great nation was not long in coming, and in the first declarations of the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Zhao Lijian, he affirmed that "NATO ignores reality and presents the facts upside down".

He recalled that the hands of the transatlantic alliance are stained with the blood of the peoples of the world, a truth that today no one ignores and that many have experienced firsthand.

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