BIDENS NATO DEFENCE POLICY TOWARD EUROPE – CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULTIES FOR TRANSATLANTIC RELIANCE

Abstract. Bidens defence policy toward Europe opens many questions about the future of NATO because US have big expectations into transatlantic cable from European partners how to be they better prepared for providing collective security in an era of great power competition against Russia and China. He is facing with many challenges for preserving NATO solidarity through unconfident transatlantic cable. Difficulties still remain for NATO solidarity because some European NATO pillar states are opposing to set absolute US control above national contributions in forces and capabilities under NATO toll set. German-French alliance inside NATO pillar is going to reinforce European sovereignty and military autonomy at any cost which could worsen Bidens transatlantic link toward Europe. Poland and Baltic troika (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) could joint to this alliance.

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Introduction

Joe Biden vision is predicting as to do more than restore its historic partnerships with NATO partners in Europe. What he can do more and better for transatlantic relationship to warm up it up after Trump’s limbo. He kept NATO’s military capabilities without modernisation that were replaced with PESCO one for the European pillar NATO purpose for new threats in space and on the high seas; but Biden like his predecessor Obama from democratic camp shall pick up an anchor from Mediterranean and Black see to cast it more eastward toward Chinas brown sea waters. He appealed on all NATO states to recommit their responsibilities toward China-Russia transgression in Europe, Afrika and Middle East. What had to
do with strengthening NATO after harnessing an opportunity to rebuild strong hemispheric ties based on respect for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law inside alliance. NATO is presenting as international regime glue that cemented essential political values in globalist vision for entire community, but for what ambitions and security costs are presenting under franchise of EU globalist for regional and global security - frictions amid Eurocentric and Atlantis visions among NATO prosperity. Biden needs to convince the European part of globalist franchise how to follow US-UK alliance.

**Challenges for NATO military alliance**

France, Germany, Italy, Spain and other euro-centric states strongly opposed for further NATO enlargement more toward East into the sphere of Russian vital interest zone. At most European NATO states are afraid from possible Russian devastating effect on the European defence autonomy if NATO troops under US military protocol leading from behind are going to invade Russian Kaliningrad bastion that presents an obstacle for further NATO enlargement on the Russian territory and abroad to central Asia. It could be created the French-German alliance inside European Defence Union (EDU) to stop Atlantic US-UK ambitions for militarization of the European pillar NATO in this case. Such scenario may be expected that a new pact between French-German alliance and Russia could be created by pushing out US-UK alliance from Europe. Poland opposed to this French-German alliance ambitions. Baltic troika Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are following Poland geopolitical aspiration inside three seas strategy as Intermarium context was included into US-UK alliance and priority for next nor maybe for last NATO enlargement. This geopolitical context is going to interplay into the war gaming scenarios held in May 2021 (South, 2021) under NATO drills along Russian frontier to open virtually three axes of advance from Poland, Romania and Black sea gateways toward Kaliningrad, Ukraine and corridor via Black sea to Caspian directions as to manage full control above small chunk of territory more Eastward. The question singles out, if this mayor military NATO massive exercise is included into three seas strategy and is going to match with aspirations such updated operation Barbarossa. Defending Europe is pretending attack on opponents from three axis.
Russian army will not sit intact with crossing legs as sitting duck to still awaiting on NATO operations like this one at western flank. It will react harsh with pre-emptive strikes as to eliminate NATO targets into the rear areas where are stationed US boots on the ground. Europe is going to be victimized in such virtually military scenario by suffering in mayor defeat and lost.

Poland army war games under the code name Winter 21 had shown hypothetically that Russian 250,000 strong army could encircle Warszawa at Vistula river axis of advance in 5 days, and if German 150,000 strong army joined to the Russian side, Poland is fallen in 48 hours. Baltic states are neglected factor into war gaming scenario here as they could be run down in less than 24 hours. Russian army shall use its army potential less than 60% at western front to achieve this mayor military goal in counteroffensive. NATO military strength in Europe is falling toward zero level of incapacity, joint military operations inside the NATO theatre of war are impossible to carry out any joint manoeuvres by fighting against Russian superiority at aground and space in artificial military intelligence, and stay incapable to defend itself from kinetic Russian deep strikes as to suffer more incapacity. That is going to happen virtually amid NATO-Russian blue - red colour military gaming manifestation.

Biden’s preference for NATO American leadership defined liberal hegemony under US forward presence in world affairs. This approach invokes by his she-predecessor from democratic hub at Madeline Albright’s label of the United States as the “indispensable nation” with the responsibility – informed by the logic of free markets and international institutions – to influence local politics and promote favourable world order (cit. Burke, 2020). Biden tries to maintain with regional hegemony in the Western hemisphere through NATO alliance by leading US position in global affairs. But there is ongoing debate between US and their NATO partners in Europe how US deep state establishment shall preside the world order, or simply participate in it from Europe by accepting political program of Biden democrat’s camp. That is an illusion, if all European NATO states will accept banishment for European sovereignty that is incorporated by federalist of EU in its political program and US hard power cannot stop political friction inside NATO that
is echoed in two different sounds. Biden insists that the US may use military force to defend US vital or democrats – deep state camp interests under NATO alliance at any cost of possible devastation effect to the European security or abroad where US boots on the floor are presenting into forward basing areas around the loop of Chine-Russia alliance.

**Difficulties for NATO solidarity**

Biden defence strategy toward Europe was described as frankly and sincerely partnership that may preserve NATO solidarity at period of Obama presidency. He tries to fix and cobble difficult NATO policy from previous Trump presidency, it’s bogging down from previous clumsy Trumps NATO policy and replaces foreign defence policy at republicans US political camp. He needs to convince European allies and keeps promise that there won’t be a return to another Trump era, or something akin to it, perhaps four or eight years down the line (Stewart and others, 2021). That fear for intrust still exist into transatlantic reliance. Worrisome on Biden virtual conference in Munich where he did not get to breakthrough difficult transatlantic relations. He had out spoken that the United States was fully committed to the NATO military alliance. Trump frequently dressed down NATO members throughout his presidency and had previously threatened to leave the alliance. In his first point, US are fully committed on paper to defence own personal vital interests on foreign territory, get avoid probably some bilateral agreements with Russia and US traditional transatlantic partnership was put in fore front from European defence interest under NATO. US troops are stationed in Europe to protect itself from traditional adversaries on foreign soil under NATO partnership. Bidens new global military posture neglects European sovereignty instead for rampant planning NATO campaigns; in second point he did not include stipulation on which way or procedure shall be activated V. paragraph of NATO defence clause commitment. If US troops stationed in Europe get terminated from Russian missile strikes, US state shall not be put under those retaliated strikes; and in the third point Trump tried to pull US troops from NATO states in Europe to stop lavishing US tax money that was spent for free raiders in Europe under NATO alliance. At most European NATO members had reached a bottom of operative level in European armies those participated into
multinational NATO corps, being totally inactive, incapable and un operative for fighting at highest intensity in warfare during latest NATO campaigns. In this debacle NATO image as vanguard in global military posture was lost, leads even toward chaos and disharmony. German government calls Biden to pull out US troops from the German soil. Poland welcomed redeploying US troops from Germany to Poland and Baltic states to protect them without accepted German troops.

Biden wants a new tone with European NATO partners but for what costs in cooperation under transatlantic link. He sent a clear message to them to renew transatlantic communique with Europe as he frankly would revitalize relationship between US and its European allies – but will not back down on pushing for greater military spending (Mehta, 2021). His administration plan corrects some odd previous Trump administration mistakes; first he does not use coercion in communique for spending more money for NATO that shall be risen up to 2 percent GDP for modernisation European armies those consisted of international NATO corps. Stoltenberg said that US allies have to invest more money into advanced capabilities – aircraft, battle tanks, ships, drones, whatever it is – that they can communicate, that we don’t end up with a new technological gap (cit. Machi, 2021). In opposite, EU partners are willing to invest more money for modernisation of European armies through PESCO programs those may compete with US military complex. Different visions among modernisation process of military complex vis a vis Europe to US still exist through transferred high-tech technology from EU partners to US that had been made difficult in cooperation and coordination. Technological obstacles within filling gaps still remain and were not avoided from misunderstandings, tried to fix them by three Resolutions EU-NATO into mutual cooperation to postpone different aspects in RMA those are ongoing with similar way in EU – NATO defence programs but their different progress still remain.

Biden’s message to Europe in NATO is clear that he will defend US vital interest on the backside of European security. The Biden administration will make more investments necessary to equip our troops for the challenges of the next century, not the last one but into more offensive nor deadly hypersonic assets in
competition with Russia. His defence policy does not abdicate from Trump so much as America first is ongoing to dominate into transatlantic cable. The Biden administration will make more investments into equipment of US troops for the challenges of the next century on cost of NATO security and convert Europe in polygon for dropping megaton bombs. That is reason why some European leading pillar NATO states (France, Germany, Spain, Italy etc) are afraid to convert its territory into a belligerent. Indeed, the Bidens administration has frozen former President Donald Trump’s plans to withdraw some 12,000 U.S. troops from barracks in Germany. That is one-third of US troops from 36,000 total because Berlin has failed to meet NATO defence spending targets (Gramer, 2021). German did not fail to meet NATO requirements in defence budget. Germany requires to return back its defence sovereignty from NATO subordination to the German parliament. US need to pull out nuclear arsenal from German soil to avoid retaliatory strikes from Russian countermeasures. If NATO intends to invade Kaliningrad region, Germany will not approve such action and pull out its troops from US command. Italy and Spain had taken similar opinion as German did as to resist against US hegemonic military action through NATO campaign against Russia. Trump and Biden had both told US is first under slogan Made America Great Again. This similarity that nation is first is echoing into national security from European partners too in advantage against NATO alliance commitments. Biden paused Trump’s plan for withdrawing thousands of US troops from Germany, while he is convincing other NATO partners that US military establishment shall not let them alone without US protective stance into defence NATO commitment, especially for Poland and Baltic states protection under NATO security umbrella. Biden has not planned to transfer US troops from Germany in Poland and Baltic states on theirs request.

Next NATO defence ministerial meeting in Washington 2021 will revolve virtual set of proposals for NATO 2030 agenda. Before this NATO ministerial summit, a study group is formed as know-how expert team that calls European partners in alliance to adapt proposals and find possible solutions on remained NATOs primary difficulties. Biden’s administration will begin the work for renewing the US relationships with its European allies because Trump had
repeatedly confronted NATO nations with demands that they spend more on defence and further irritated European leaders by repeatedly making unilateral decisions in expecting US allies to agree to them (Roberts, 2021). Biden tries to fix spoiled transatlantic relations from Trump presidency by taken other frequencies in cable of communication with NATO partners as to wash up diplomatic embarrassment at ministerial level, but the old problems still exist among conceptualisation further visions in NATO 2030 agenda.

Biden’s administration expects from NATO partners in commitment that increase their defence spending in potential plan to enlist NATO as a counterweight to China. The NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg asserted, China and Russia are at the forefront of an authoritarian pushback against rules-based international order (Dendrinou, 2021). Indeed, NATO partners did not speak in one voice as strongly countering to US coercive policy at ministerial level, because they disagreed with Bidens demands about spending more money for NATO defence. Stoltenberg’s position cannot comment international order and criticises internal state policy for non-NATO states. Prefer he would ask European partners where are difficulties and what is going wrong in NATO policy. Germany did not follow hostile relationship with Beijing. France as leading military power in EDU pursues its own strategic interests more independently from the US and NATO. Europe and US did not speak in one voice in NATO policy while both are squatting on opposite ditches as sitting ducks. No one from NATO partners said, only French president Macron that NATO is in bad condition. During Donald Trump’s presidency Pentagon was withdrawing US troops from Syria and other NATO partners had agreed with this military solution. This US unilaterally decision encouraged Turkey to send troops in Syria which further complicated a commitment in fight against Islamic terrorist groups. Some NATO allies promote a reset into security policy with Russia under the pretext that Russia is not pushing into an alliance with China. Baltic states and Poland opposed to any reset which would inevitably worsen credibility to NATO collective defence within deterrence in Europe (cit. Lorenz, 2020). NATO disharmony did not postpone endemic problems amid bilateral partnership for better coordination and consultation through transatlantic cable between Europe and US.
Conclusion

Biden challenges cannot invent more coercive US policy into transatlantic link at cost to sacrifice European partners for US ambitions. It’s difficult and too risky for Bidens defence policy within implementing mayor plan which shall secure US home security under NATO partnership in Europe. He expects that Russian ballistic missiles will not fall on US territory, but absolutely could be dropped on US boots on the floor in Europe. It is hard to imagine that Bidens plan shall protect US sovereignty at home if NATO coalitions troops invade Kaliningrad region.

Difficulties still remain for NATO solidarity because some European NATO pillar states are opposing to set absolute US control above national contributions in forces and capabilities under NATO toll set. German-French alliance inside NATO pillar is going to reinforce European sovereignty at any cost which would worsen transatlantic link under coercive Biden administration policy toward Europe. Last NATO war gaming outcome presents a mayor treat to EU security, and that will absolutely divert NATO solidarity in coming years ahead at cost to push Eurasian alliance.

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