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# United Nations Security Council China's military development. Andrea Tapia, Mauricio Hernández Blanca

## **General Background:**

China is on the way to become the new superpower since it became a socialist market economy which introduced the country into the global economy, ever since this integration due to their new economic reforms back in the 1980's China has been on a pathway towards becoming the new world Superpower aiming to replace The United States of America by 2028, as all big economies, military power becomes one of the biggest expenses, this phenomena occurs due to the saying "To be prepared for war is one of the most efficient ways to preserve peace " as stated by former US president George Washington, having a well-developed army says a lot about a country, so China the upcoming superpower doesn't want to stay behind by consequence pumping a great percentage of their GDP into the military, these action's catch the eye of the United States which is the biggest economy and military as of 2021, as these two governments maintain very strict relationships which surrounds military, economic and geopolitical actions.

### **Key points:**

- Identifying current economic partners and future relationships
- Understand the western and Asian economic division
- Identify countries who could become future partners/allies
- The dollar remaining as an international currency
- Economic differences between the new and the current superpower

### Iran:

Iran, a Middle eastern economic and military power which comes as the 22nd biggest economy worldwide has a considerable big army, ranking 14th in the world According to Global Firepower and Business Insider, Iran is a country which is aligned with the former axis power Russia and the Asian giant on the rise China.

### **United States:**

The United States is known as the current global superpower, it is ranked as the first economy worldwide. Therefore, it possesses the strongest military forces around the globe.

Throughout history China and The United States have been in conflict which deems global economy to whatever actions they may take, leaving the rest of the world "on their hands".

### Japan:

The small but powerful island of japan counts with the fourth most powerful army in the world, this island ranks as the third most powerful economy, as small as the country may perceive it ranks as one of the most powerful.

Being close to mainland China and with an extensive history of ups and downs, Japan is one of the most affected countries in geopolitics surrounding China.

# **United Kingdom:**

The independent economy of the United Kingdom ranks as the 5th wealthiest country in the world as its GDP is just below Germany, this country is known to have great relationships with former World War 2 allies such as United States, France, Canada and many other first world countries, This entity has gone through many major geopolitical events throughout the last couple years, Brexit being one of them, so as they spark controversy among other big economies the UK finds themselves in an important positions regarding global economic development.

### Russia:

Being Neighbors with this upcoming superpower Russia finds itself in a position where being allies with China may bring benefits towards their economy, this giant country also counts with

one of the most powerful armies in the world, being a bordering neighbor to China may bring new treaties and economic opportunities in the Weapon and Military industry that may help both parts.

### **Switzerland:**

Switzerland has maintained a neutral position between nations across history due to it's good allies and economical resources. Switzerland is one of the most developed economies in the world, ranking number 20, and it has been rated as free for over a decade.

### Germany:

Home to some of the best engineers the world has seen, this country ranks as the 4th biggest economy by GDP, having an extensive history of military power seen in WW1 & WW2 there is no doubt they have the capacities for modern warfare, fortunately they have decided to focus more on economic development than military development with it's army ranking 30th most powerful in the world, with Germany being one of the European countries considered for the new silk road China is planning on building, economic and trade treaties will undoubtedly increase.

### Mexico:

This warm country is neighbor to the United States, historically the two governments have had mostly great relationships having a free trade treatment which boosts growth for both parts, this country ranks as the 16th biggest

economy, Mexico doesn't count with a powerful army since it has decided to stay neutral throughout global conflicts.

As the United States has an economic dispute with China it has imposed sanctions on China which fee's products coming from this country, to find a loophole Chinese companies are now exporting good to Mexico and shipping them over the border to the United States to avoid these taxes, this is a time bomb that may affect Mexico's relationships with both countries in the near future.

### Canada:

This northern country finds itself in a similar position to Mexico where it is a neighboring country to the United States, although China has found a tax loophole to avoid fees through Mexico ,Canada has strict laws regarding importing goods from other countries.

This country counts with the 10th largest nominal GDP and it is a booming economy in which investors from other great countries such as China may help alleviate social disputes such as

unemployment, leaving the government in the same situation as Mexico where it may depend on the two largest economies.

### Pakistan:

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan is ranked 10 out of the 139 countries considered for the annual Global Firepower (GFP). Currently the country has invested \$7 billion from its budget for defense.

After a number of successive achievements, China and Pakistan established diplomatic relations on May the 21th, 1951 and have kept it ever since. Pakistan considers China as one of its closest friend and partner.

# **Italian Republic:**

Italy is the 12th biggest economy by nominal GDP, they count with the 3rd biggest European gross income and are set to be one of the main passing point in Europe where the future Chinese silk road will be constructed, with this said it is greatly anticipated that Italy will have great relationships with the Chinese government to help promote both of their economies.

### **Brazil:**

Being the biggest economy in Southern America, Brazil plays on of the biggest roles in the international community regarding South American development, although Brazil is a big country and a booming economy it is mostly covered in a dense rainforest called the Amazon where some endangered animal and plants live, this country has been latterly under some controversy due to the deforestation on the Amazon to build factories and other monetary activities, a good relationship between Chinese investors / government and brazil may see itself reflected in the further deforestation of the rainforest which goes against the Paris Agreement for Climate Change in which this country has signed

### Australia:

This country is the biggest economy in Oceania and similar to Brazil counts with one of the biggest bio diversities in the world, it's relatively close position to China helps both their economies engage and have been that way from a long time, both these countries hold charge in the g20 summit as well as the East Asia Summit, China is Australia's largest trading partner which infers economic development for both.

### **Netherlands:**

Netherlands is one of the main trading partners of China. This small country has the 17th largest economy across the globe; which depends on large imports of basic materials.

Netherlands is ranked as 37 for the Global Firepower, in addition, its defense budget is 14,000 million dollars.

# Ethiopia:

The strategic location of the African country provides the opportunity for international trade. Ethiopia is the second most populous nation in Africa, yet it also counts with very limited economic resources. Currently, China and Ethiopia have a long-standing friendship that has ensured the advantage of the two countries.

### Colombia:

Colombia owns the third largest economy of South America, due to its market size and extensive natural resources.

This country has had drug trafficking issues and has allocated a considerable percentage of its income to military forces.

United States and Colombia relations were established in 1822; nowadays, the United States supports the southern American country with the fight against drug trafficking.

### Finland:

Located in Northern Europe and known as the happiest country, Finland has a highly industrialized, free-market economy. With a GDP that is almost as high as Austria and the Netherlands, which comes mostly from exportation. Finland has conserved an independent neutral position.

### Kenya:

This country in the African plain is the 61<sup>st</sup> biggest economy worldwide by nominal GDP, Kenya has had good relationships with the Chinese government throughout history as China became the 4th country to recognize its independence, on the other hand Kenya Chinese military relationships are strong as back in 2013 Kenya's former president and the Chinese government agreed on a 5-billion-dollar military contract.

### **Ecuador:**

This South American country is found as the middle of both hemispheres easing commerce between South America and its north counterpart, it ranks as the 69th biggest economy worldwide and counts with a somewhat weak army, Ecuador-Chinese relationships have been strong since the 70's as the Chinese government helped the military stabilize, these two countries have good economic relationships and will most likely continue to have.

### Ghana:

Situated on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea in Western Africa, Ghana is ranked as the 8th economy in the African continent. Its economy depends on the extensive quantities of natural resources that Ghana possesses, however, its economy has faced challenges due to the environmental changes that an African country suffers.

China and Ghana have kept relations since 1960.

### **India:**

Being close to China and with the second biggest population, India counts with the 5th biggest economy as of 2021, historically India and China have had tense relationships which continue to tighten, with the two countries representatives

having a late meeting back in 2019 the world looks up as to what will go on for Asia's two largest countries.

### Malawi:

Having diplomatic relations with China since 2008 Malawi and China have maintained stable as Chinese ambassador claims "The relationship between Malawi and China is at all time high and we very much support reforms president Mrs. Banda is undertaking and I want to assure her and all Malawians of our continued financial support in all sectors of the economy." (Wikipedia Contributors, 2020). As the Chinese economy grows we expect to see better commercial relations as well as farewell for both parts.

### Morocco:

China is known as a nation with good relations between African countries, and Morocco is not the exception. This western North African country has a GDP growth of 5.10%, its economy depends on exportation of raw materials.

Morocco was ranked in place 53 at the Global Firepower index 2021, and owns the 6th strongest military forces in the African country.

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