

## **Statement on current issues**

As Joe Biden is inching towards victory, STRABO thinks that internationalist spirit will again prevail among US foreign policy decision makers and to some extent among the citizenry at large. A circumspect, uncertain Atlanticism will try to wrest lost positions. Transatlantic trade might get a boost as well as cooperation to combat pandemic and climate change. Will USA and the EU get closer with regard to the Palestinian and Iranian issues? It will be laborious an exercise. They might though hammer out a concerted approach vis a vis China, tacitly espousing Trumpian policies. Any attempt to harden stance against Russia would be futile, while it will be difficult to lure Erdogan s Turkey back to the fold. In all this, the role of Germany will be important.

Under the circumstances, NATO s member Greece is obliged to galvanize ties with her Mediterranean partners, synchronized with France, in an effort to arrive at a modus vivendi with an expansive Turkey. Next to bolstering defence capabilities, and beyond acting within Europe, there is no alternative for Greece other than to elaborate a rigorous policy of geocultural strategic depth, resuscitating neglected kinships in the Near East, the Balkans and the Black Sea zone and building new ones across the globe.

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