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Putin Orders Resumption of strategic Bomber Flights

Within this case, I will bring under discussion a newspaper article, which makes reference to that Russian President, Vladimir Putin, ordered today to the Russian air force to resume the cold war practice of long-range flights by strategic bombers. The Russian President informed the international press with this statement "We have decided to restore flights by Russian strategic aviation on a permanent basis," while attending military exercises at a training ground in the Russian province of Chelyabinsk near the Kazakh border which marked the culmination of a nine-day exercise given the name of "Peace Mission 2007" that began in northwest China. The military exercise involved over 6,000 personnel from the six countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO): China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. This article can be found in the "Guardian Unlimited" written by Fred Attewill and agencies dated Friday August 17, 2007.

Also earlier this month, Russian air force officials reported that bomber crews had flown in close proximity to a U.S military base on the Pacific island of Guam, causing an immediate reaction of U.S aircraft which was sent to be scrambled to track them. In a disclaimer statement the Pentagon also said "that Russian aircraft had not come close enough to U.S ships for American planes to react". Another statement said by the Russian President: "Stability and security in central Asia are best ensured primarily through efforts taken by the nations of the region on the basis of the existing regional associations." Without mentioning the U.S directly, Mr Putin called for a "multi-polar"

world order. "Any attempts to solve global and regional problems unilaterally are hopeless," It is clear also that Russia and China have developed what is described as a strategic partnership within the region.

I do think that this article is biased; instead I think that it reports to the EU and the U.S and the rest of the world that there are clear intentions of the Russian, Chinese and other Asian countries to form their own strategic alliances in order to compete in today's global markets and that they are prepared to do whatever is necessary not to take a second place to any other political or economic alliance in the world.