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## TIME TO ADJUST THE US APPROACH TO THE SOUTH CAUCASUS

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The South Caucasus region is undergoing a period of strategic transition, shaped by shifting regional dynamics and the realignment of global powers.

In the region, the interests of key actors  Russia, Iran, Turkey, and European powers—are converging.

The United States may need to reassess its regional strategy, as Russias sustained focus on the conflict in Ukraine presents a potential window of opportunity, during which regional powers, including Iran, are seeking to expand their influence. US engagement in the South Caucasus can help foster stability, enhance connectivity, and promote long-term strategic balance. And in doing so, the second Trump administration would support Washingtons strategic interests to contribute to a multipolar and balanced regional environment.

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