PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATIVE SECURITY IN EAST ASIA: FROM CHINESE PERSPECTIVES

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abstract

Prospects for cooperative security in East Asia. The security environment in East Asia has been relatively stable in recent years. Secure relationship among major powers is the basis of regional stability. At the same time, peace and economic development are still the main streams in East Asia. From the perspectives of Chinese strategic studies, regional strategic environment is still in a transformational period, or called "transition period," for it has entered a new stage since the end of the Cold War. This new stage is actually a "transition" stage in which the balance of power is changing, the two superpowers are reducing their influence in the region, and regional issue is becoming more important. In this stage, the main task is to establish a new regional security cooperation framework. The region has not yet established a regional security cooperation framework in this "transition period," which may play an important role in the future regional cooperative security mechanisms. The main purpose of the establishment of ASEAN + 3 is to enhance the economic cooperation between East Asian countries, which may provide a strong foundation for the establishment of regional security cooperation framework. The idea of ASEAN + 3 and ARF is the most likely to work, and the "ASEAN + 3" will develop into an important framework of regional security cooperation in East Asia.

main characteristics of current security situation in East Asia

The Cold War ended in 1991, and the security environment in East Asia has been relatively stable in recent years. Most of the countries in the region have been recovering from the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis. Economic interdependence between countries has been developing very fast. Prominent countries like Japan, China, and South Korea have played an important role in East Asia's development. In this period, the relationship among countries in the region has been relatively stable, although sometimes they have tensions in their relations. The Cold War and the Soviet Union have ended. If the two Koreas are reunited, it will have greater importance on the strategic environment in East Asia. Some separatists in Taiwan still intend to split Taiwan from China. Their intention and action for Taiwan independence have aroused the strong opposition of the Chinese government and people. There will be a long and hard process to improve the situation and to understand and trust between them. Faced with the situation, the countries in the region should strengthen their cooperation in the security field, including the improvement of the existing multilateral regional mechanisms of regional security cooperation and the establishment of a new regional security cooperation framework. The main characteristics of the current security situation in East Asia are as follows:

- The security environment in East Asia has been relatively stable in recent years. From the long run, in East Asia, cooperative security mechanisms may take shape with multi-levels (including regional level, sub-regional level and bilateral level), multi-forms (official and unofficial), and multi-functions existing.
- Relationships among major powers are in rearrangement. The end of the Cold War, major powers have been realizing their mutual relationship so as to meet the new security situation and their new strategies. From the perspectives of Chinese strategic studies, the strategic partnership between China and Russia is a strategic pattern of cooperative competition. The strategic partnership between China and Russia has established strategic cooperation in defense, security and economic affairs. China and Russia have signed the Treaty on the Mutual Settlement of Border Issues and the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between China and Russia. China and Russia are not only strategic partners, but also firm allies. The idea of "ASEAN + 3" and ARF is the most likely to work, and the "ASEAN + 3" will develop into an important framework of regional security cooperation in East Asia.

possibilities and models for ensuring cooperative security mechanisms in East Asia

There is a need for the establishment of a new regional security cooperation framework in the region. The Chinese government and people believe the establishment of a new regional security cooperation framework is a must. There are many possibilities for the establishment of regional security cooperation mechanisms in East Asia. First, the establishment of a new regional security cooperation framework is not only based on the need for regional security cooperation, but also on the need for regional economic cooperation. Economic interdependence between countries is the basis of regional security cooperation. Second, the establishment of a new regional security cooperation framework is also based on the need for the improvement of regional strategic framework. If the strategic framework is not improved, the economic cooperation and stability in East Asia will be weakened, which will not be helpful to the regional economic development and peace and stability. Third, the establishment of regional security cooperation mechanism is also based on the need for the improvement of the existing multilateral regional mechanisms of regional security cooperation. The existing multilateral regional mechanisms of regional security cooperation are difficult to work well, which limits the development of regional security cooperation. Now it is the best time for the Chinese government and people to establish a new regional security cooperation framework. It is the best time because the region has entered a new stage since the end of the Cold War, and the strategic environment in the region is in a transformation period.

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