

# Voltaire

## International news

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### **Reshuffling the cards within the European Union**

The war against the implementation of Resolution 2202 in Ukraine shatters 70 years of balance in Europe. The United States sabotaged the *Nord Stream* pipelines and preferred the *Baltic-Pipe* connecting Norway to Poland. Germany having received this blow on the head, did not balk at its American overlord, but decided to move closer to Poland and break away with France.

At the same time, the election victory of Giorgia Meloni in Italy showed that the alliance of Atlanticists and “conservatives of the local way of life” was the path chosen by the Italian people and perhaps also accepted by others.

French president Emmanuel Macron therefore tries two major shifts. He is suddenly in favor of "European protectionism," to revive French industry, and opposed to flows of uncontrolled migration, while reaffirming France's commitment to Ukraine's side against Russia. This sudden turnaround, argued logically, is based on the assumption that the European Union is not in danger ; A risky bet.

Aware that the German-French divorce threatens the survival of the EU, Poland has offered France to join the new Polish-German couple. Otherwise, France can only hope to be followed by Spain, Italy and Greece, while all of Central Europe will rally behind Warsaw.

## **AMERICAS**

### **United States**

General David Petraeus, former director of the CIA and now adviser to the vulture fund KKR, said in an interview with French magazine *L'Express* that the United States and some of its allies could intervene in Ukraine, if NATO does not want to.

This interview was conducted by Laetitia Strauch-Bonart, a journalist close to the National Endowment for Democracy.

Former Vice President Mike Pence broke away from Donald Trump's foreign policy. He has just taken a stand against Vladimir Putin in Ukraine. Former President Trump, meanwhile, considers that Russia would not have invaded Ukraine if he had been in power because he would have reached an agreement on the crisis in Donbass.

U.S. and Russian Defense ministers Lloyd Austin and Sergei Shoigu spoke by secure phone line for the first time since the start of the military operation in Ukraine.

The Democrats, who fear losing the Midterms (election of representatives) on November 8, consider that [the Republicans, if elected, will stop financing the war in Ukraine.](#)

The protesting journalist Alex Jones who questioned aspects of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, was ordered by a Connecticut court to pay \$965 million to 15 victims' families. This decision ruins the most listened to journalist in the United States. It violates the right to freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The lawsuit filed by the AG of Louisiana and Missouri over collusion between the Biden administration and social medias to censor certain views (on the 2020 presidential election and the Covid outbreak) continues in Federal Court. Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases), former White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki, White House Director of Digital Strategy Rob Flaherty, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Jen Easterly and FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Elvis Chan were subpoenaed in person.

*Rolling Stone* magazine published an article on [the disappearance of ABC journalist James Gordon Meek at the end of April.](#)

This case had not been reported on so far. Meek had served as Senior Counterterrorism Advisor to the House Homeland Security Committee. He seems to have had a double professional life as a journalist and an intelligence agent. In any case, he was well introduced into this circle at a very high level. When he went missing, he was writing a book

on Operation Pineapple Express that unfolded during the U.S. withdrawal from Kabul. He sent out his last tweet on April 27, basically reposting a tweet by a former CIA agent captioned "Facts." The agent's text reads : "Actually, it started long time ago. We learned this between 2014-2022. Not just now. It was a lab experiment on Russian TTPs [tactics, techniques and procedures]. On the EW [electronic warfare]. On everything. This is why Ukrainians (with our advice/assistance) are doing so well. Ask those in the IC [Intelligence community] or the UW [unconventional warfare] communities. We learned a shit ton." After posting this tweet, Meek abruptly resigned from his job at ABC. According to his friends and colleagues, he gave no explanation, but it seemed like the sky had just fallen on his head. His home was the target of a raid witnessed by neighbors, who saw black cars and an armored vehicle, such as those used by the FBI, surrounding his house. He was allegedly searched by armed men, but it has not been confirmed whether he was home at the time. In any case, no one saw him leave, nor has he been seen him since.

The authorities are keeping the story under wraps.

Barre Seid, a businessman and donor to many Republican organizations, has made the largest political donation in history, \$1.6 billion to the Marble Freedom Trust from the sale of his company Tripp Lite. Since the [New York Times revealed the transfer](#) on August 22, the foundation's president, Leonard Leo, has become Washington's most sought-after figure. The Democrats affiliated "nonpartisan" organization Accountable US has already published an investigation into [the supposed racism of Barre Seid](#) and accuses Leonard Leo of wanting to transform the country's legal order. Mr. Leo is the former vice president of the Federalist Society ; a powerful association of

Republican jurists that prepared the *USA Patriot Act* two years in advance. He is a quiet man who has played a central role in all Supreme Court appointments. He would therefore be the real one accountable for its current evolution in favor of the states against the Federal State. Currently, he would support organizations working for fairer electoral procedures and against Woke culture.

The House of Representatives' Parliamentary Inquiry Committee on the January 6, 2021 storming of the Capitol has subpoenaed former President Donald Trump. The committee's vice chairwoman, Republican Liz Cheney, said she would not let Trump put on a show there. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that at the end of the investigation, the former president "would go to jail." In an interview with MSNBC, she called him a coward and added "I don't think he's man enough to show up. I don't think his lawyers would want him to show up because he has to testify under oath."

Former adviser to President Donald Trump, Steve Bannon, was sentenced to a \$6,500 fine and 4 months in jail for failing to comply with a subpoena from the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into the events of January 6, 2021. He has two weeks to appeal, i.e., until the mid-term elections on 8 November.

The Jacksonian think tank Marco Polo has managed to get a complete copy of Hunter Biden's computer seized by the FBI in 2019. After reviewing it, they sent a 634-page report to 4,000 correspondents, including all 535 federal lawmakers, various prosecutors, as well as Hunter Biden's college mates at the very Catholic Archmere Academy.

This computer contains an impressive number of videos in which Hunter Biden films himself with prostitutes or using drugs ; activities that are both contrary to US laws, to the teaching of the Catholic Church and, above all, to the prevailing Puritan way of thinking in this

country. It also contains financial documents and traces of his travels.

According to Marco Polo, these elements establish that President Joe Biden committed at least 6 federal crimes (including tax evasion and failure to report lobbying activities for foreign states), and that his son Hunter Biden committed 459 federal crimes (including tax fraud and unreported lobbying activities for foreign states).

The Biden administration could subject Elon Musk, the richest man in the world, to a National Security review in order to sanction his positions on Ukraine and Taiwan. There is a law that allows this type of security review to be required before acquisitions such as the Twitter one. As a result, the US medias also look into Musk's relations with Saudi Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal, with the Qatari sovereign fund or the cryptocurrencies giant Binance.

### **Voltaire Network Analysis**

"[War, propaganda, and blindness](#)", Thierry Meyssan, October 25, 2022.

Propaganda makes you stupid. We know that Ukrainian integral nationalists committed terrible massacres, especially during the Second World War. But we do not know what they have been doing on our doorstep for thirty years, including the civil war they have been waging for eight years. Our own stupidity allows us to endure the war cries of our politicians alongside these criminals.

### **Organization of American States (OAS)**

The OAS Annual General Meeting was held in Peru, in the absence of Cuba and Venezuela, who have been expelled. The United States made people forget the failure of the 50th session, which was held in Washington in the midst of the crisis. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken had previously visited Colombia and Chile. He managed to get a resolution voted

against Russia. However, he did not obtain unanimity. Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Saint Vincent and Grenada, as well as Russia's partners Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia and Honduras opposed it.

## **EUROPE**

### **United Kingdom**

The resignation of Interior Minister Suella Braverman was followed by that of Prime Minister Liz Truss. In 44 days in office, Ms. Truss has kept making sensational announcements followed by resounding surrenders. As we have already described, her ambition far exceeded her skills.

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who hastily returned to London, gathered a hundred Conservative MPs to stand for PM again, but this was too little too late compared to his rival, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak. In the end it is the latter who became the president of the Conservative Party and the next Prime Minister.

Rishi Sunak is the husband of Akshata Murty, one of the richest women in the UK. She is the daughter of Indian billionaire N. R. Narayana Murthy (founder of computer company Infosys). Having a privileged tax status, she did not pay taxes on her income abroad until the case came to light.

According to former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, it is a mistake to believe that the collapse of the City of London stems from the untimely statements of Liz Truss. The same mishap can happen anywhere in the West.

The British government will take steps to further prevent pilots and former Royal Air Force pilots from working for the Chinese People's Liberation Army which has already recruited about twenty of them as well as some French. The PLA intends to learn details of NATO aircraft' maneuvers and landing on aircraft carriers.

### **European Union**

The European Parliament has awarded the "Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2022" (worth €50,000) to the Ukrainian people and their leaders. In 2021, they've awarded pro-US Russian opponent Alexei Navalny. Initially, this prize was to honor a personality who has contributed to the development of East-West relations regarding the Helsinki Final Act. The unfortunate finalists for the 2022 prize are the journalist prosecuted by the United States Julian Assange and the Truth Commission in Colombia which has been tasked with establishing the facts relating to the civil war.

The European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, opened the annual session of the Union's 145 ambassadors. He compared the EU to a garden of Eden in the heart of a jungle and added that it was up to diplomats to go into the jungle to save the earthly paradise. He said the EU's prosperity so far has been based on (1) Chinese trade, (2) Russian energy and (3) US militaries. The Union must now find other sources of energy and must plan to do without Chinese trade in the near future.

According to Jakub Kalensky, director of the joint EU-NATO Centre of Excellence on Hybrid Threats, Russia has just set up a propagandist campaign to convince Europeans that they will not be able to get through winter without Russian gas.

Does this observation need to be emphasized ?

### **France**

As expected, the government's censure motion tabled in the National Assembly by the left (NUPES) failed. However, the National Rally (nationalists) joined in. In fact, the government was not overthrown only because the post-Gaullist opposition abstained.

Subsequently, President Emmanuel Macron accused the left and the National Rally of

collusion. Yet in the past the pro-Macron and the National Rally have voted 90 times the same laws in Parliament.

### **Italy**

The new prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, has silenced criticism of her neo-fascist past by appointing a centrist, pro-EU and pro-US government. However, a recording of [Silvio Berlusconi], former President of the Council and ally of Ms. Meloni has been made public. We hear him talk about his last letter exchanges with his friend Vladimir Putin and say that Zelensky must be dropped.

Giorgia Meloni proposes a pact between the conservative elements of the Italian way of life (against immigration, wokism etc.) and those, technocratic, of Atlanticist submission.

### **Germany**

The Franco-German Joint Council of Ministers of 26 October was cancelled indefinitely. Everything is falling apart between Paris and Berlin. Joint military-industrial projects are at a standstill. France rejects any further enlargement of the European Union, while Germany proposes to increase from 27 members to 36.

### **Romania**

The Pentagon has deployed the prestigious 101st Airborne Division to Romania, but also to Bulgaria, Hungary and Slovakia. The action of this elite unit has been celebrated in movies (*Saving Private Ryan*) and in series (*Band of Brothers*). Recently, during the battle of Mosul, under the authority of General David Petraeus, it only achieved results at the cost of widespread massacres.

It should not intervene in Ukraine, but in Transnistria (Moldova). Moldova has no army and when NATO attacked Transnistria in 1992, it relied on the Romanian army.

### **Ukraine**

Ukraine's supreme court of appeal has confirmed the ban of the 12 opposition political parties. The last one was the Socialist Party of Ukraine.

These parties are accused of having acted in compliance with the Minsk Agreements (2015), recognized by the Resolution 2202 of the United Nations Security Council.

In March, the Ukrainian Security Council decided to ban these political parties. A law was passed by the Rada on 3 May and signed by President Zelensky on 14 May. As the Russian Federation has decided to intervene to protect victims of violations of the Minsk Agreements, any reference to these Agreements is considered "high treason".

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Poland continues its selfless military aid to Ukraine. According to the Polish press, Warsaw could offer to deploy interposition forces and then organize a referendum in Eastern Galicia on joining Poland.

Galicia (known as "Red Ruthenia") is currently divided in two, the western part (Krakow) is Polish, the eastern part (Lviv) is Ukrainian.

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Only the Transcarpathian Oblast (close to Hungary) refuses to remove from office the local representatives of the political parties concerned.

### **Russia**

President Vladimir Putin has declared martial law in the two ex-Ukrainian oblasts and the two Donbass Republics that have just joined Russia. Russian forces are reportedly preparing for urban fighting in Kherson. They had been hailed as liberators by its inhabitants at the very beginning of the war, a sign that they no longer wished to be Ukrainians. Today, Moscow is withdrawing 60,000 civilians to safer regions (Krasnodar and Rostov). Kherson should soon become a battlefield.

According to the British Defense minister, the Russian army has installed barge bridges over the Dnieper River. It therefore plans to make rapid movements during the coming battle.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu carried on being in touch with his US, British, French and Turkish counterparts. To everyone, he expressed his fear that the Ukrainian army would use a dirty bomb and blame Russia, provoking many reactions and an intensification of the conflict. Each of his interlocutors pretended to dismiss his concerns and to construe his approach as an attempt to discourage the West from keeping on supporting Ukraine.

Head of the Chechen Republic Ramzan Kadyrov called for a holy war on 25 October 2022.

In his view, the United States failed in their attempt to starve the Russians over the past decade. They are now setting up Ukrainians to sabotage and attack targets inside the Russian Federation, which must not be tolerated. It is a fight between Satanist forces on the one hand, and believers, Christians and Muslims, on the other.

Also, he called on all Chechens to enlist to defend their faith and their homeland.

### **MIDDLE EAST**

#### **Morocco**

Morocco intends to use US support to have its claims over the former Spanish Sahara recognized, while the African Union recognizes the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. France, which maintains a certain ambiguity in this matter, is requested to clarify its position.

#### **Egypt**

The United Arab Emirates makes an assault of kindness with Egypt recalling the high consideration in which the founder of their country, Sheikh Zayed, held the land of the Nile. At the same time, Abu Dhabi quickly acquired not only buildings in Cairo, but especially significant parts of the facilities around the Suez Canal.

The UAE, proud of a long maritime tradition, has continued to invest in many ports in the Arab world for two decades. The latest is the construction of Port Sudan on the Red Sea.

Calls to demonstrate on November 11th are circulating without identifying who the perpetrators are.

#### **Muslim Brotherhood**

The rivalry within the Muslim Brotherhood led the Istanbul front to create a television channel in the United Kingdom, Ash-Shou'oub, while the London front created, still from the United Kingdom, the Action 11-11 channel (reference to the day of protest of November 11, 2016). For their part, the Turkish authorities have asked the Istanbul front to spare Egypt in their speeches.

#### **Israel**

In an audio recording of a conversation by parliament member Bezael Smotrich, chairman of the Religious Zionist Party, he is heard calling

his ally Benjamin Netanyahu a "liar and son of a liar" and a "tragedy for Israel." He declares that he is not eternal and will inevitably be convicted in court.

Bezael Smotrich's Religious Zionist Party, credited with 14 MPs out of 120 in the next elections, has presented a program for the reform of the judiciary system. It offers to strengthen the separation of powers to ensure that a law passed by the Knesset can no longer be challenged by the Supreme Court or that a lawmaker (Benjamin Netanyahu) can no longer be prosecuted. In addition, it proposes to divide the functions of the Attorney General into three distinct roles, which would significantly weaken his authority.

In the end, it was the officers who decided the dithering of politicians. They did not believe NATO despite its efforts to convince them that Iran had sold weapons to Russia and would prevail in the Middle East if Russia triumphed (see the editorial in our previous issue). Defense Minister Gen. Benny Gantz has decided : there will be no Israeli weapons in Ukraine. It will not be said that a Jewish state supports the integral nationalists who murdered a million Jews during World War II.

### **Palestine**

As a backlash after the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, Palestine is finally considering drilling its offshore gas reserves as well. In this case the 32 billion M<sup>2</sup> of the "Gaza Marine" camp. Discovered in 2000, its drilling has been blocked by Israel.

Today, Palestinians have only 6 hours of electricity a day.

Tsahal (the Israeli army) and Israeli security forces invaded the city of Nablus, which has been surrounded since 11 October, to murder 5 members of the Lion's Den and wound 13 others. Some of the members of this new resistance group were previously affiliated with

the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (al-Fatah) and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (pro-Iranian). They have carried out various attacks in previous weeks.

Faced with the ditching of the Muslim Brotherhood by Turkey, Hamas (the Palestinian branch of the Brotherhood) is divided. On one side Khaled Meshad (pro-Qatar), on the other Yahya Sinwar (pro-Iran). For the time being, the two groups coexist by dividing up distinct roles. However, if this debate goes as far as divorce, it will have serious consequences for both the Palestinian issue and the Muslim Brotherhood.

### **Lebanon**

The bloc of 13 parliament members of the Tower (anti-system demonstrations of October 17) has been shattered. Two members ran against each other for the chairmanship of the Finance Committee and both lost. One of them resigned from the group. More are expected to follow. The October 17 movement had just celebrated its 3rd anniversary.

The visit of the Lebanese delegation to Damascus to discuss the delimitation of the maritime border has been postponed by Syria. Until now, only Syria has asked that this border be precisely determined. This was the subject of a letter from Damascus in 2012. When, in 2014, Syria granted the use of the port of Tartus to Russia, it specified that this transfer would have to be modified according to subsequent negotiations with Lebanon.

While the normalization of relations was underway since the agreement for the supply of electricity to Lebanon by Syria and the return of Syrian emigrants to their country began, Presidents Aoun and al-Assad spoke by phone to agree on a negotiation. However, international divisions again disrupted Aoun's plans to conclude his mandate with an exact delimitation of maritime borders. At the United Nations, Lebanon voted for Ukraine, while Syria voted

for Russia. It seems that Damascus no longer agrees to also discuss the Lebanese character of the Shebaa farms in southern Lebanon.

In addition, General Aoun is waiting for a Cypriot delegation to resolve the conflict arising on the occasion of Cyprus' recognition of its own borders with Israel. Indeed, the Lebanese-Cypriot Treaty provides that Lebanon was to be consulted on this subject, but Nicosia ignored it to make an alliance with Tel Aviv.

Parliament has yet to elect the next president as General Michel Aoun's term ends on October 31. Hezbollah has still not chosen the candidate it will support and is blocking the vote. Its members are ideologically inclined towards the leader of the Maradas, Sleiman Frangié (grandson of President Soleiman Frangié 1970-76), but reason would lead him to choose Jibrán Bassil (son-in-law of President Michel Aoun 2016-22), leader of his main ally.

### **Syria**

55 women and children were handed over by the Kurdish militia to France and 38 to Russia in order to empty the jihadist prison camps before the dissolution of pseudo-Kurdistan.

The United States is preparing its withdrawal from Syria.

In France, the return of these people is presented as the application of a judgment of the European Court of Human Rights.

According to social services, newly arrived children are much more agitated than previous ones. These are no longer children who have had to witness traumatic events, but who have had to survive on their own in particularly violent internment camps. Out of 16 women, 12 were subject of a search warrant and were taken into custody, 3 were subject to arrest warrants and were jailed, the last one was reportedly the subject of a settlement.

Ethan Goldrich, deputy assistant to the US Secretary of State, met in Istanbul with the

leaders of the Syrian opposition without succeeding in uniting them. He met with Riad Hijab, the former secretary of the Syrian Council of Ministers, and then with Imam Ahmad Moaz al-Khatib, former president of the National Coalition of Opposition and Revolutionary Forces.

Iranian militias relentlessly attack al-Omar's base on the Euphrates River. It is controlled by the Syrian Defense Forces (mainly Kurdish mercenaries supervised by the United States). They are careful not to hurt US soldiers in order to prevent a predictable response.

### **Iraq**

Prime Minister-designate Mohammed Shia is still unable to form his government. The problem stems not from the blocs composing his alliance, but from the factions within those blocs. For example, the Kurds must have 4 ministries, the PUK claims 2, but the KDP claims 3 arguing that it has ceded him the presidency of the country and must be compensated. On the Sunni side, the Azm Alliance and the Sovereign Alliance are fighting for the Ministries of Defense and Planning. As for the Shia bloc, it is the most complete confusion since the United States is no longer in favor of a government controlled by Tehran, Russia's ally in Ukraine, but by the Shia separatists of Moqtada El-Sadr.

### **Iran**

The internal messages of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran were hacked. The unidentified perpetrators claim to have released 50 gigabytes of data including the plans for the Bushehr power plant.

### **Yemen**

The Emirati military suddenly invaded Al-Maashiq Palace, the headquarters of the pro-Saudi government. They occupied it for several hours before handing it over to the forces of General Tarek (son of President Ali Abdullah

Saleh) following a negotiation with Saudi Arabia.

In principle, the UAE military is no longer taking part in the Yemen war.

At the Gulf Cooperation Council meeting, Sultan al-Burkani, the speaker of the Yemeni parliament (backed by Saudi Arabia) sharply criticized the GCC secretary-general's call for a negotiated peace. According to him, the Houthis do not want peace, despite the reopening of the international airport and port of Al-Hudaidah. Not crushing them today is tantamount to prolonging the war for years to come.

## **ASIA**

### **China**

The 20th Congress of the Communist Party declared itself in favor of the defense of national sovereignty based on technological independence against the "small fortresses with high walls" (NATO and AKUSA). An extensive program to produce next-generation electronic chips has been adopted.

China designs its international relations on the cooperative model of the Silk Roads. It therefore looks with horror at the division of the world into two blocs (the West against the pro-Russians). It questions the UN General Assembly resolution against Moscow, not because it gives credit to its arguments, but because this resolution is steering the UN towards bankruptcy.

At the opening ceremony, former President Hu Jintao (79) was escorted from the official platform to his apartments by one of his aides. Opponents of the regime interpreted the move as a dismissal, while the Communist Party said Hu was ill.

65 percent of the 205 members of the Central Committee have been replaced. They are all men, which marks a break with the previous diversity. 4 of the 7 members of the Standing Committee were replaced. It now includes, in

addition to Mr. Xi who was re-elected for a third term, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning (ideologue of the "Xi Thought"), Cai Qi (Party Secretary in Beijing), Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a speech at the Stanford's Hoover Institution that China was preparing to take Taiwan earlier than expected. He talked about coercive measures. Director of Military Intelligence (DIA) Gen. Scott Berrier said in May that Chinese forces had been reorganized in preparation for the showdown.

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## **AFRICA**

### **Françafrique**

The French secret services have been tasked with developing a five-point campaign :

1. Blame Russia for every case of anti-French sentiment ;
2. Claim that all of this is orchestrated by Wagner's mercenaries ;
3. Characterize this group as a gang of greedy war criminals ;
4. Minimize the military scandals of France ;
5. Focus on France investments in Africa.

To do this, they must :

1. Convince Africans that anti-imperialism is the product of "Russian propaganda" ;

2. Obsessively focus media attention on the private military company Wagner ;
3. Spread false news accusing Wagner of neo-colonial economic exploitation and crimes against humanity ;
4. Cover up France's neo-colonial exploitation and war crimes ;
5. Divert attention by pressuring local medias to produce only positive stories about France.

## **Chad**

At the call of the Transformers (Succès Masra) and the opposition platform Wakit Tamma, demonstrators protested in front of the headquarters of the ruling political party, the Patriotic Salvation Movement, against the extension of the transition period. The president of the Transitional Military Council, General Mahamat Idriss Déby, has "restored order" at the cost of about fifty deaths.

## **ENERGY**

The US Senate is once again debating the old *No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act* (NOPEC), passed in May by the Justice Committee in order to condemn OPEC, which is an intergovernmental organization, in the name of anti-trust trade provisions. This is the 17th attempt since 2000 to pass this law. This time state immunity is no longer taken into account since its goal is to attack the oil states that support Russia.

The cure could be worse than the disease : Saudi Arabia could retaliate by dropping the dollar and sourcing weapons from Russia.

The project is still being held up by the US oil lobby, the American Petroleum Institute (API), which fears that it will cause a sharp fall in prices that it could not cope with. On the contrary, according to the lobby for a decarbonized energy, ClearView Energy Partners, if put to a vote, the project would already get 60 votes out of 100 in the Senate.

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