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Eurasian union: an utopia, a dream or a coming reality? Varol Tugce

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Twenty years passed after the dissolution of the USSR and the re-birth of Russian Federation and Central Asian states in the world arena in such a unipolar world. Since the rise of Vladimir Putin to power Russia resists on unipolar system and sees that as a treat to its security. (1) Hence, Kremlin perceives that the economic strength is the sine qua non for the future of Russia in order to sustain a "Big Power" status not only in its region but also in the world. (2) Last year, Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan have achieved to form a customs union among them and invited all the states in the region to join the organization. There were theses mainly arguing that Russia would no longer be a power in the Central Asia and could only be a regional power just in case of maintaining its of own unity. However, the situation has changed in the region accordingly Russian influence as a result of the new conjuncture. In 2012, Russia will have a new presidential election and it is expected that Putin will return to Kremlin as President himself. It has been understood from his words that Kremlin's new strategy to be focused on creating a "Eurasian Union" including Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan at the first stage. It is aimed to analyze in this study that whether this project could be successful and if so, what could be the impacts on world order in terms of competition between Russia, the United States and China also. And finally, what could be the result of such an organization for the Russia.(3)

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