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The trend in contemporary global geopolitics is to displace the political centre of gravity in the Asia-Pacific region, where the United States is making every effort to curb Russia and China, its main strategic competitors. America's strategy is to strengthen its military-technical cooperation with individual countries in the Asia-Pacific Region within the framework of trilateral formats and create new international structures under the auspices of the United States, as well as by intensifying its presence in existing structures. In these circumstances, Russia intends to intensify its political, economic and military-technical cooperation with its regional neighbours.

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