
US-ARMENIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CHARTER: A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN SOUTH CAUCASUS DIPLOMACY

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In the final days of Joe Bidens administration, the United States and Armenia signed a Charter on Strategic Partnership, a move widely seen as a milestone in the evolving geopolitical landscape of the South Caucasus. This unprecedented document signals Washingtons intent to strengthen its influence in a region where its presence has waned in recent years.

The signing of this charter is significant for several reasons. Armenia, a member of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and a country that has paused but not entirely severed its ties with the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), is gradually reconsidering its geopolitical alignment. Armenia has recently signalled interest in exploring closer ties with the European Union, further complicating its relationship with Russia.

For the United States, the charter underscores its commitment to countering Russias influence in the region. Armenias evolving foreign policy, coupled with its strategic location bordering Iran and Turkey, makes it a pivotal partner for Washington. The partnership aligns with the broader US strategy of increasing its engagement in the South Caucasus to counterbalance Russian and Iranian influence.

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