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Geopolitical Implication of Ukraine War

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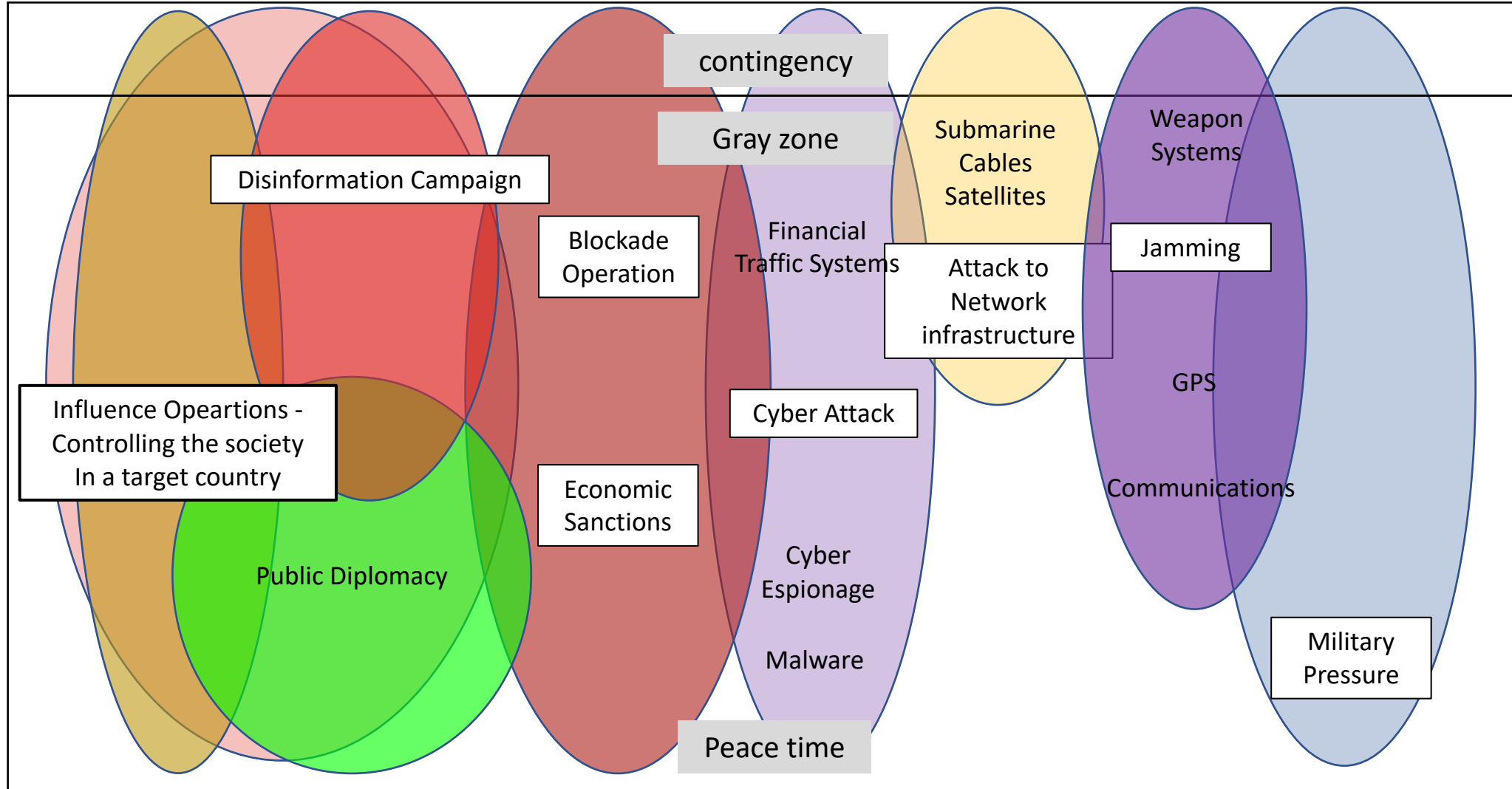


Lessons from Ukraine War

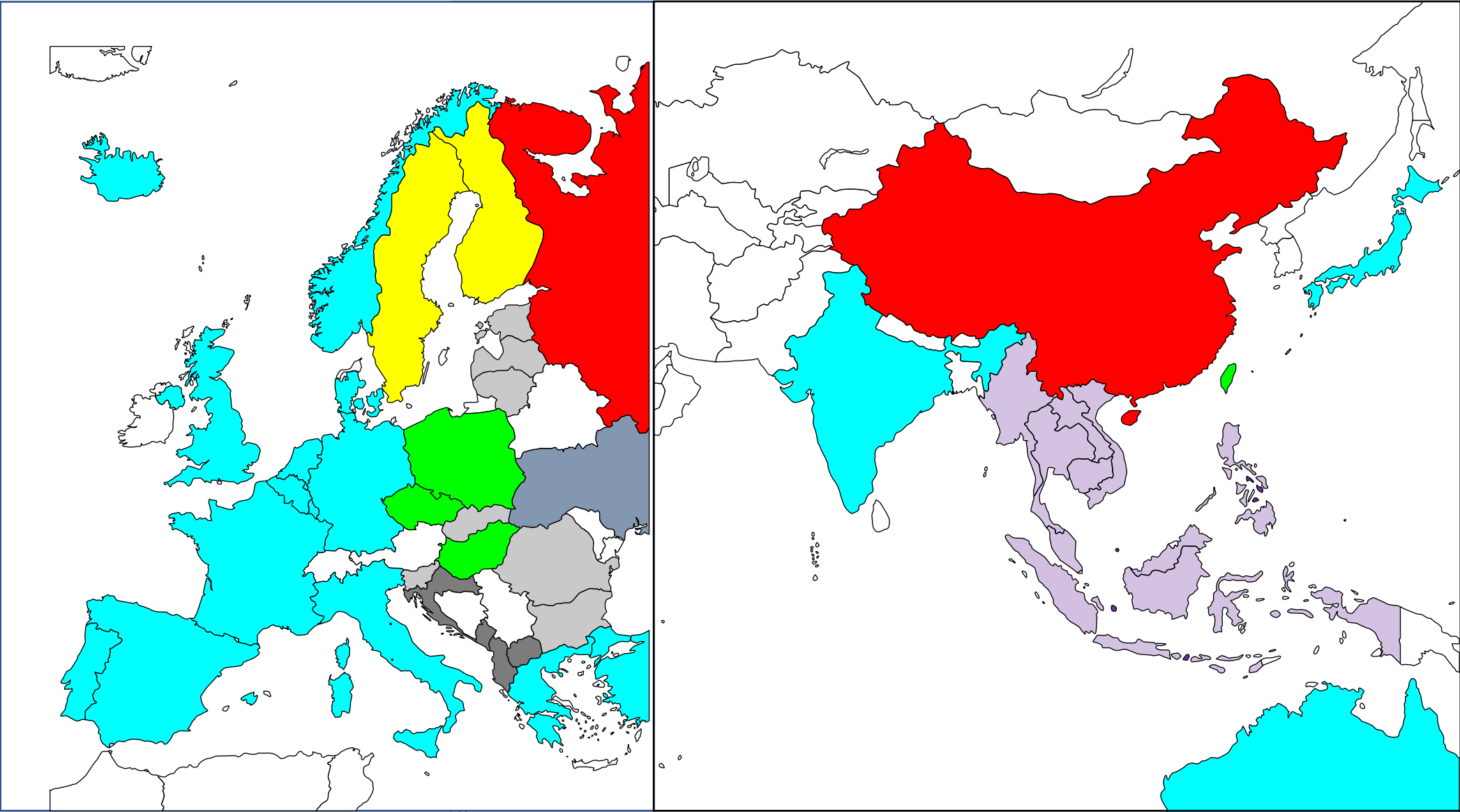
- ① Effectiveness of **nuclear threats**: If a major power with nuclear weapons uses force, the West and the international community have no means to stop it.
- ② Hybrid Warfare = **Weaponization of every means**: Its Effectiveness is unexpected
Effectiveness depends on the resilience of the invaded country and the countries supporting it
- ③ Difficulty of **cognitive warfare** against international public opinion: the international community sees it as a challenge to the international order, not simply as a geopolitical issue
- ④ If the occupation operation is not successful within a very short period, giving the international community a respite to unite, the invading country will be subjected to **economic sanctions**, and the anti-war momentum within the invading country will increase.

If economic sanctions deteriorate the economy, the legitimacy of the war, and thus of the dictator's rule of the country, is lost.
- ⑤ Invading country also needs support from partner countries: **Geopolitical expansion of crisis**
- ⑥ If invading country cannot minimize its casualties, domestic protests will intensify.

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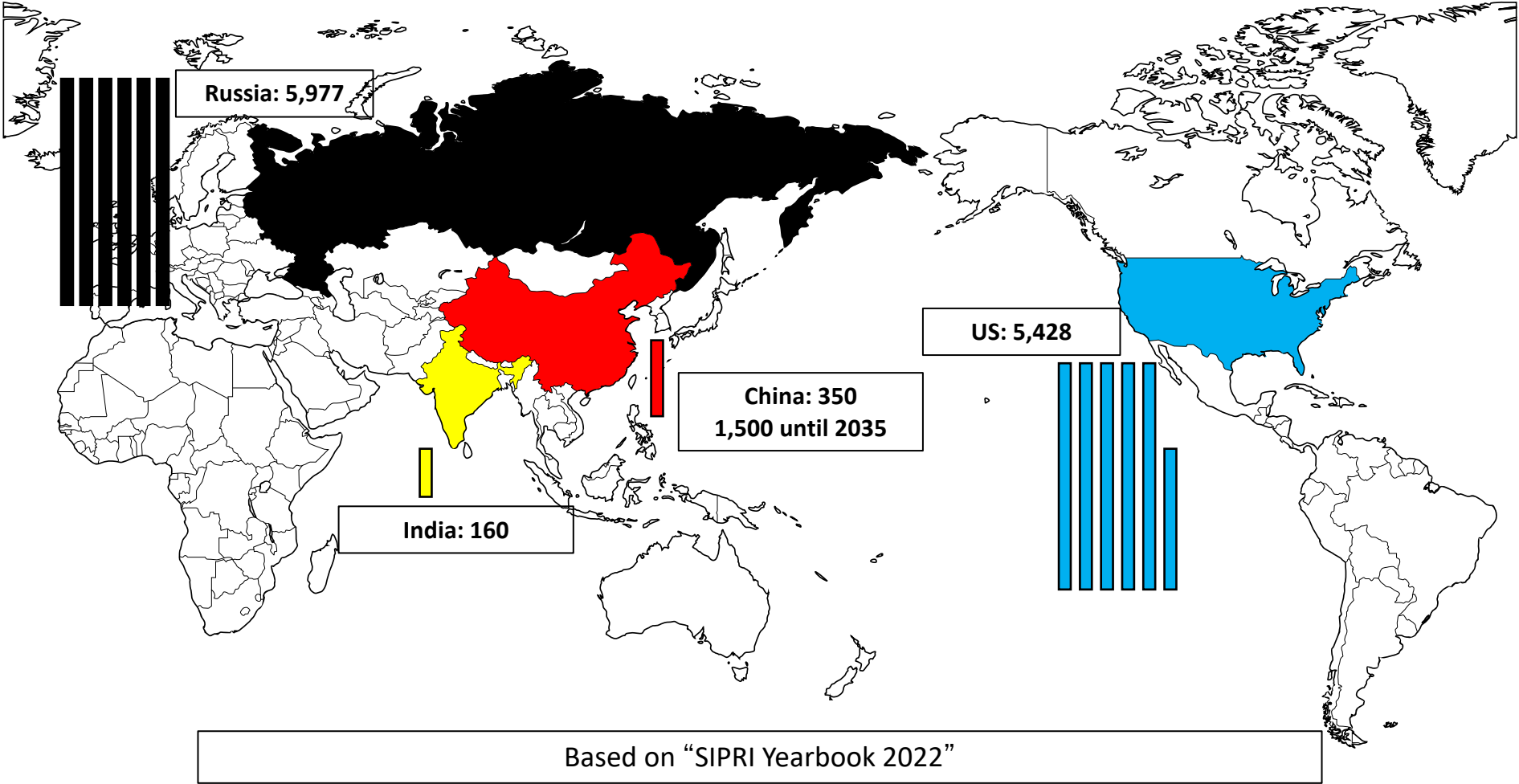
Ukraine situation and China's perception



Nuclear Balance

Nuclear Warheads (SIPRI YB 2022) US: 5,428, Russia: 5,977, China: 350 (320 at Jan. 2020)

ICBM Launchers (IISS MB 2021) US: 400, China: 104



How to deal with the Challenge

- Determination to maintain the International Order (Rules-Based Order)
 - Cooperation between the U.S., Europe and Asia ⇒ share values such as Freedom, Human Rights, Democracy, etc.
 - Economic prosperity is the foundation of cooperation
- Cooperation in traditional security
 - Responding to the hybrid warfare: integration of the all domains
 - Building countermeasures to physical means: sharing ammunition and weapon systems (C-UAS weapons, long range strike capability, etc.) between allies
- A strong focus on economic security
 - Recognition of "Weaponization of Interdependence" and countermeasures ⇒ Securing strategic products and materials (in-house production, supply chain restructuring)
 - Responding to influence operations using Economic aids and other economic means as leverage