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U.S.-Japan Alliance under the New Defense Cooperation Guideline

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U.S.-Japan Alliance and Asian Security

Security Environment in Asia

1990s: regional contingencies (DPRK/Taiwan), humanitarian crisis 2000s: rise of asymmetrical threats (AQ), proliferation of WMD 2010s: (re)rise of power politics (CHN), (re)rise of extremism (ISIS) 2020s : global shift of balance of power (CHN)

U.S: "Contested" Global Power

Withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan "Rebalancing" to Asia Reluctant engagement (fiscal constraints..etc)

Japan: Strategic Realignment

Balancing China : NDPG(2013), "Gray-Zone" challenges, A2/AD challenges Diversifying strategic partnership: Australia, ASEAN, India, NATO, Russia...etc Reforming legal basis of security policy: NSS, defense equipment transfer, CSD...etc Fiscal constraints

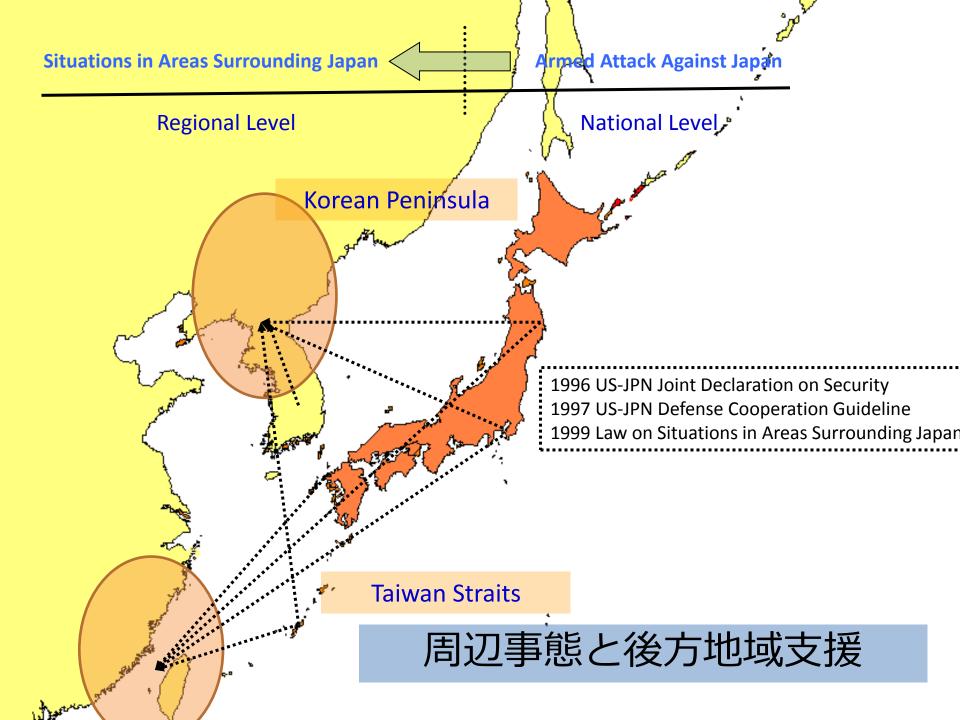
Abenomics, Tax reform, TPP, energy policy...etc

Agendas for U.S.-Japan Alliance

Revising U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation Guideline : All-Phases/Seamless Cooperation? Asian security order: maritime stability through "asymmetrical equilibrium?" Whither strategy towards China?: US-Japan strategic coordination?

Ukraine Crisis rise of ISIS spread of extremism Mismatch between strategy and reality

flawed consensus after the mid-term election



Japan's Defense and Security Policy Developments Under the Abe Administration



National Security Strategy (2013.12) National Defense Program Guideline (2013.12) National Security Bureau (2014.1)

Three Principles of Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology (2014.4) Cabinet Decision on Development of Seamless Security Legislation (2014.7)

New U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation Guideline (2015.4)

New U.S.-JPN Defense Cooperation Guideline

Previous Guideline (1997)

- Cooperation under normal circumstances
- Actions in response to the armed attack against Japan
- Cooperation in situation in areas surrounding Japan

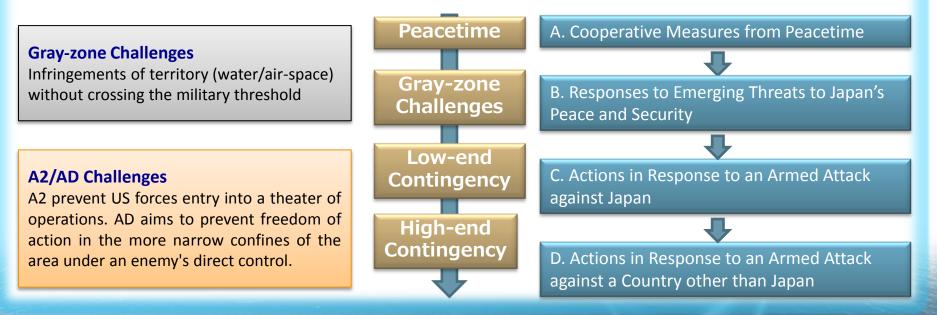
Keywords: Seamless, robust, flexible, and effective bilateral responses

Persistent and emerging threats can have a serious and immediate impact on Japan's peace and security. In this increasingly complex security environment, the two governments will take measures to <u>ensure</u> Japan's peace and security in all phases, seamlessly, from peacetime to contingencies, including <u>situations when an armed attack against Japan is not involved</u>. In this context, the two governments also will promote further cooperation with partners.

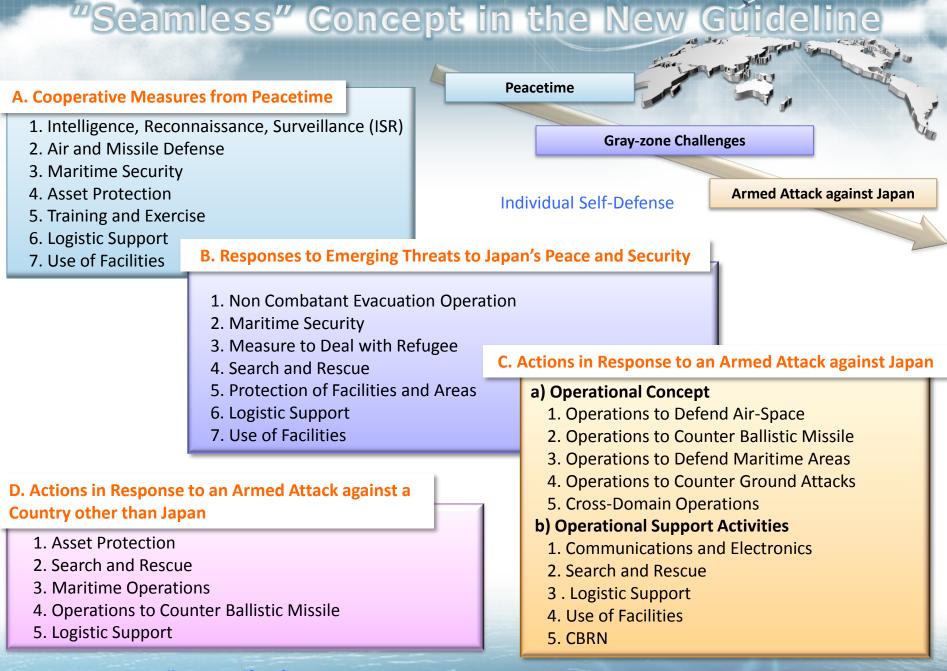
The Guidelines for the U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation (April 27, 2015)

3 situational division









Maritime Security Challenges: Three Domains

Gray-Zone Coercion

- Challenges: Infringements of territory (water/air-space) without crossing the military threshold (NDPG, 2010/13)
- Need to: develop, field, and operate military and paramilitary forces to contest Chinese control of disputed air and maritime areas, without necessarily causing casualties: → (possible) symmetric competition

• Low-Intensity Conflict

- **Challenges:** Accidental crushes, limited military assaults
- Need to: develop and field systems to deny Chinese control of disputed air and maritime areas → asymmetric competition (China vs neighbors)

• A2/AD Challenges

- **Challenges:** High-end military confrontations
- Need to: develop counter-A2/AD capability (operational access), missile defense, enhance resiliency, develop dispersal options

 \rightarrow asymmetric competition (US-China)

Newly determined three conditions for the "use of force" as measures for self-defense permitted under Article 9 of the Constitution

Previous 3 Conditions for Self-Defense

The Government interprets Article 9 of the Constitution to mean that armed force can be used to exercise the right of self-defense only when the following three conditions are met:

- When there is an imminent and illegitimate act of aggression against Japan;
- 2. When there is no appropriate means to deal with such aggression other than by resorting to the right of self-defense; and
- 3. When the use of armed force is confined to be the minimum necessary level.

New 3 Conditions for Self-Defense (July 1, 2014)

- 1. When an armed attack against Japan has occurred, or when an armed attack against a foreign country that is in a close relationship with Japan occurs and as a result threatens Japan's survival and poses a clear danger to fundamentally overturn people's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.
- 2. When there is no appropriate means available to repel the attack and ensure Japan's survival and protect its people.
- 3. Use of force to the minimum extent necessary.

Red = New legislation Blue = Expansion of current legislation

Matrix of the Legislation for Peace and Security

Peacetime

Contingency

Concerning Japan and Japanese Nationals

Transportation of Japanese nationals overseas etc. (Existing)

<u>Rescue</u> of Japanese nationals overseas etc. (New)

Protection of SDF's weapons/other equipment (Existing)

Protection of weapons/other equipment of U.S. and other countries' armed forces (New)

Provision of supplies/services to the U.S. Armed Forces in peacetime (Expansion)

- Expand situations where supplies/services can be provided

International Peace Cooperation Activities U.N. PKO (Expansion)

- Additional roles by Japanese Corps in operation (e.g. protection of civilian)
- Adoption of ROE for use of weapons (small arms) to better align with current U.N. standard

Internationally coordinated peace and security operations (Multinational cooperation outside U.N. PKO framework) (New) Support activities (including logistics support) in situations that will have an <u>important influence</u> on Japan's peace and security (Expansion)

- Support activities to armed forces of foreign countries (not only the U.S.)

- Expand the scope of support activities

Ship Inspection Operations (Expansion)

Enable operations for peace and security of the international community

Support activities (including logistics support) to armed forces of foreign countries in situations where the international community is collectively addressing for peace and security (New)

Past activities based on the Iraq Special Measures Law or Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law are included

Response to <u>an armed attack</u> <u>against Japan (Existing)</u>

Response to an armed attack against a foreign country resulting in threatening Japan's survival (New)

→"Use of Force" permitted under the "Three New Conditions"

"Three New Conditions" (1) When an armed attack against Japan occurs or <u>when an armed</u> <u>attack against a foreign country</u> <u>that is in a close relationship with</u> <u>Japan occurs and as a result</u> <u>threatens Japan's survival and</u> <u>poses a clear danger to</u> <u>fundamentally overturn people's</u> <u>right to life, liberty and pursuit of</u> <u>happiness</u>,

- When there is no other appropriate means available to repel the attack and ensure Japan's survival and protects its people,
- (3) Use of force limited to the minimum extent necessary

Reorganizing the Agenda Items of the National Security Council (NSC)

* Cabinet Decisions on accelerating procedures in cases of responding to a situation where an infringement that does not amount to an armed attack occurs in areas surrounding remote islands etc.