



# ASIA PACIFIC OR INDO-PACIFIC ?

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# EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

- Rise of China and Relative Decline of the United States
- Rise of India and Multi-Polarization
- Indo-Pacific as the Growth Center of the World Economy

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# Asia – Pacific Region



The Asia-Pacific region encompasses 51% of the earth's surface.

# APEC MEMBER ECONOMIES





## RCEP

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE  
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

RCEP countries cover  
almost a third of the  
world's population and  
international trade

CHINA

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

LAOS

VIET NAM

MYANMAR

BRUNEI-DARUSSALAM

THAILAND

PHILIPPINES

CAMBODIA

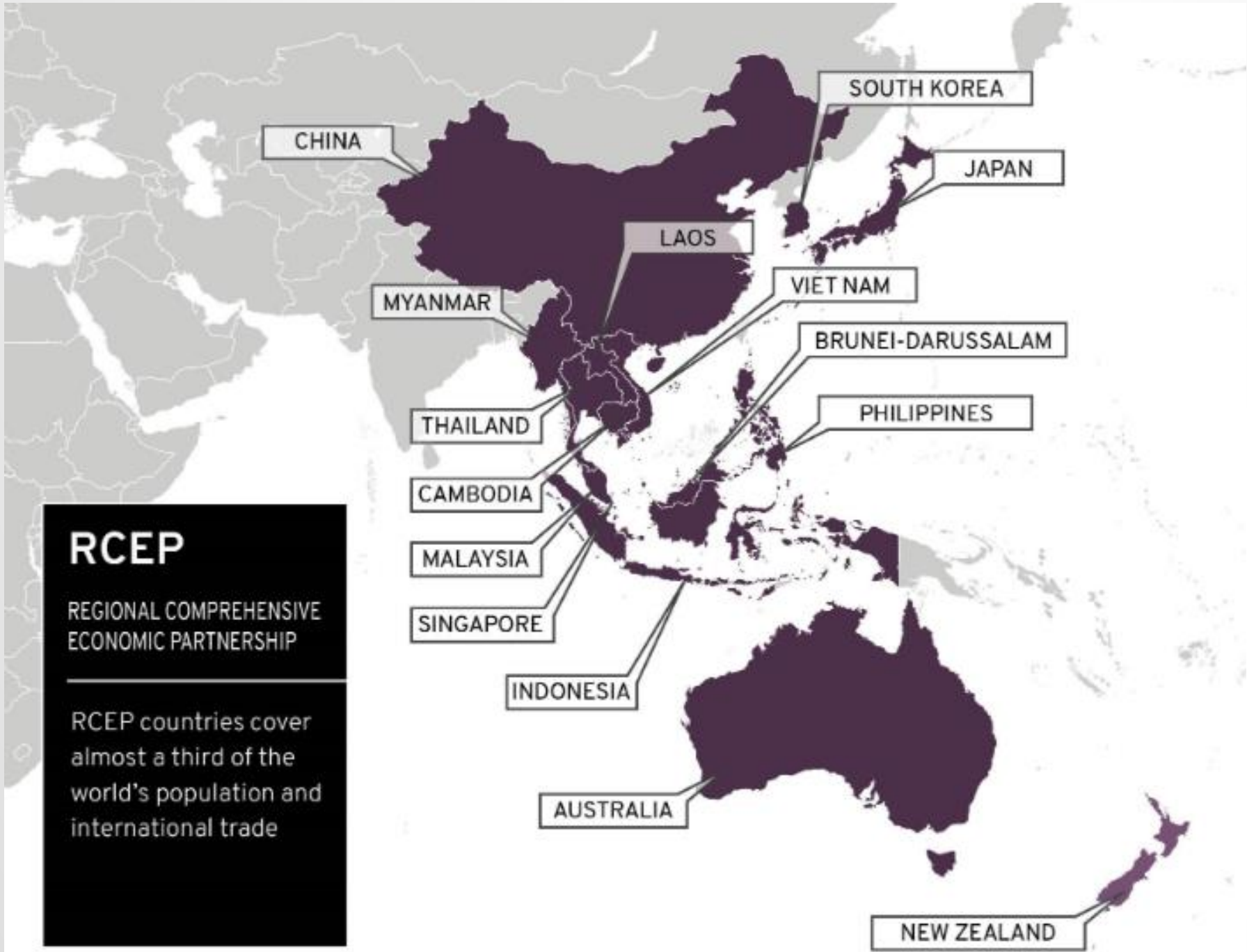
MALAYSIA

SINGAPORE

INDONESIA

AUSTRALIA

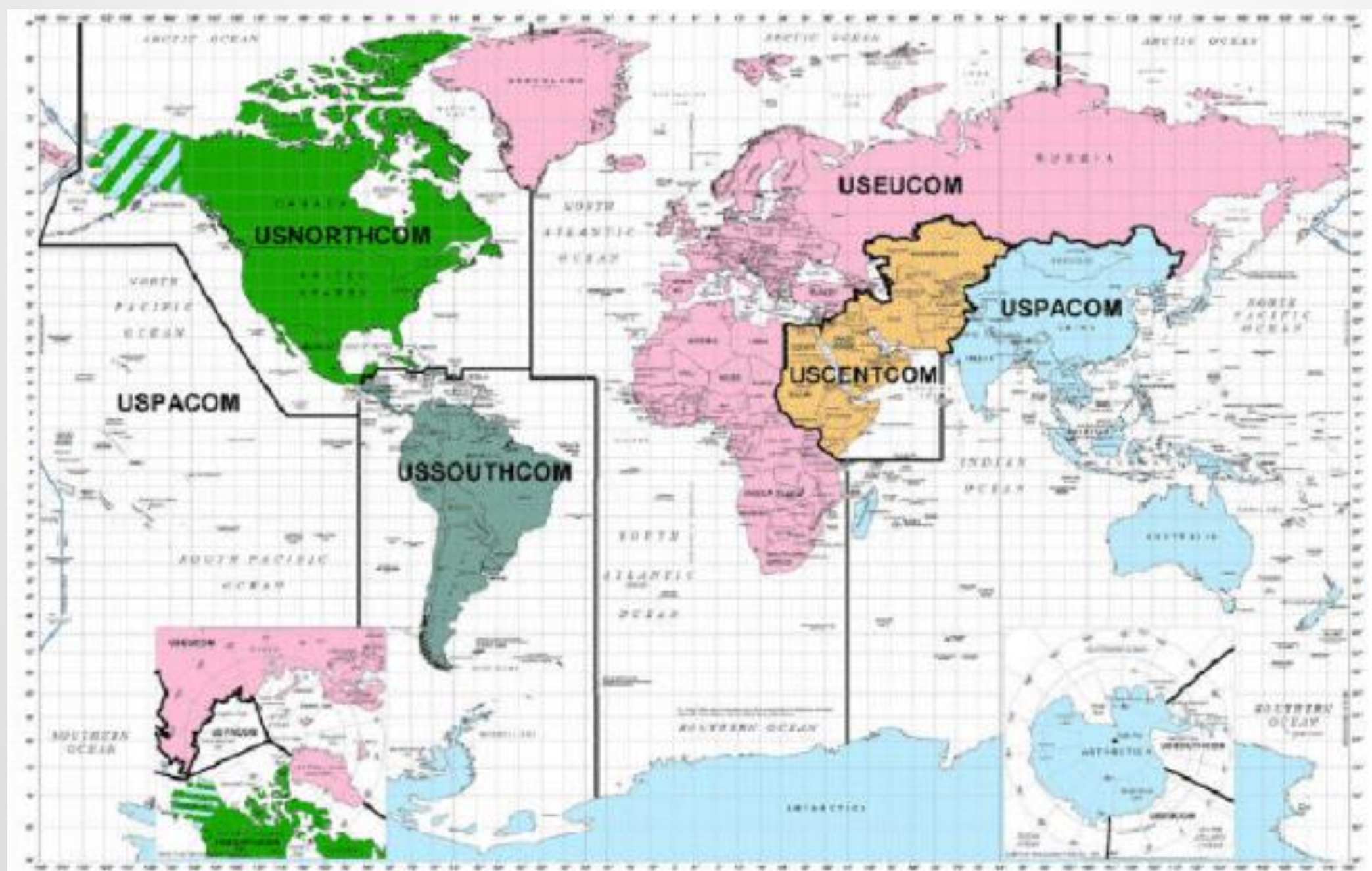
NEW ZEALAND



# CPTPP member nations

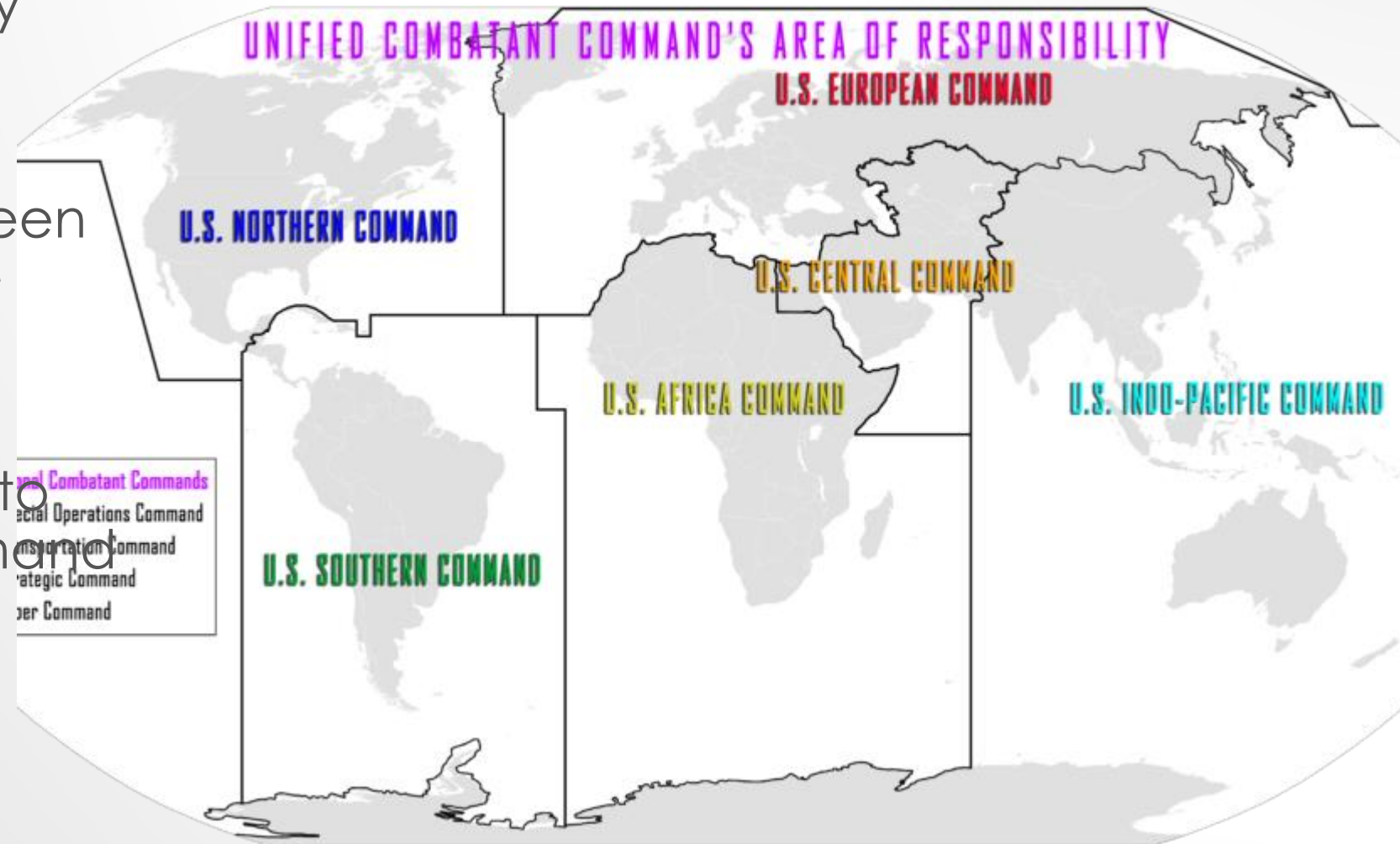






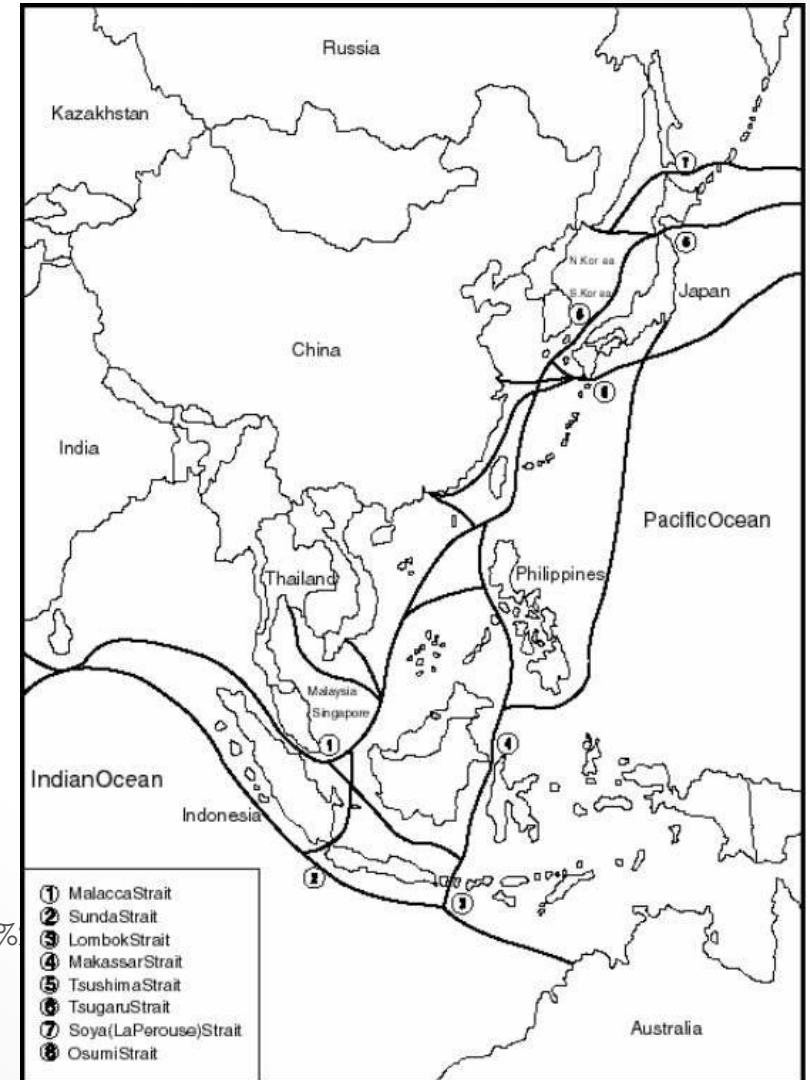
# FOIP (FREE AND OPEN INDO-PACIFIC)

- US National Security Council Strategic Report (2017.12)
- Connectivity between the Pacific and the Indian Oceans
- Renaming the US Pacific Command to Indo-Pacific Command





# KEY SEA LANES OF COMMUNICATION (SLOC)



- [http://community.middlebury.edu/~scs/docs/Ji%20Guoxing-SLOC%20Security%20in%20the%](http://community.middlebury.edu/~scs/docs/Ji%20Guoxing-SLOC%20Security%20in%20the%20)

# DISPUTES IN SOUTH CHINA SEA



- <http://forum.ragezone.com/f290/scarborough-shoals-spratly-islands-china-840326/>

# FROM INDIAN OCEAN TO THE PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, AND MEDITERRANEAN SEA



- Sea of Aden Anti-Piracy Ops.
- Civil War in Yemen (Huthi rebels)
- Strait of Hormuz passage safety/security





# INDO-PACIFIC GROWTH CENTER

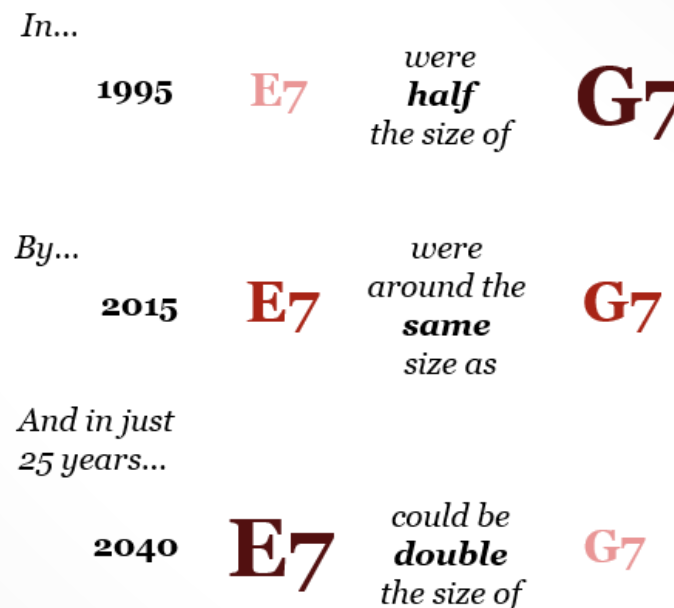
*Emerging markets will dominate the world's top 10 economies in 2050 (GDP at PPPs)*

	2016	2050	
China	1	1	China
US	2	2	India
India	3	3	US
Japan	4	4	Indonesia
Germany	5	5	Brazil
Russia	6	6	Russia
Brazil	7	7	Mexico
Indonesia	8	8	Japan
UK	9	9	Germany
France	10	10	UK

E7 economies
  G7 economies

Sources: IMF for 2016 estimates, PwC analysis for projections to 2050

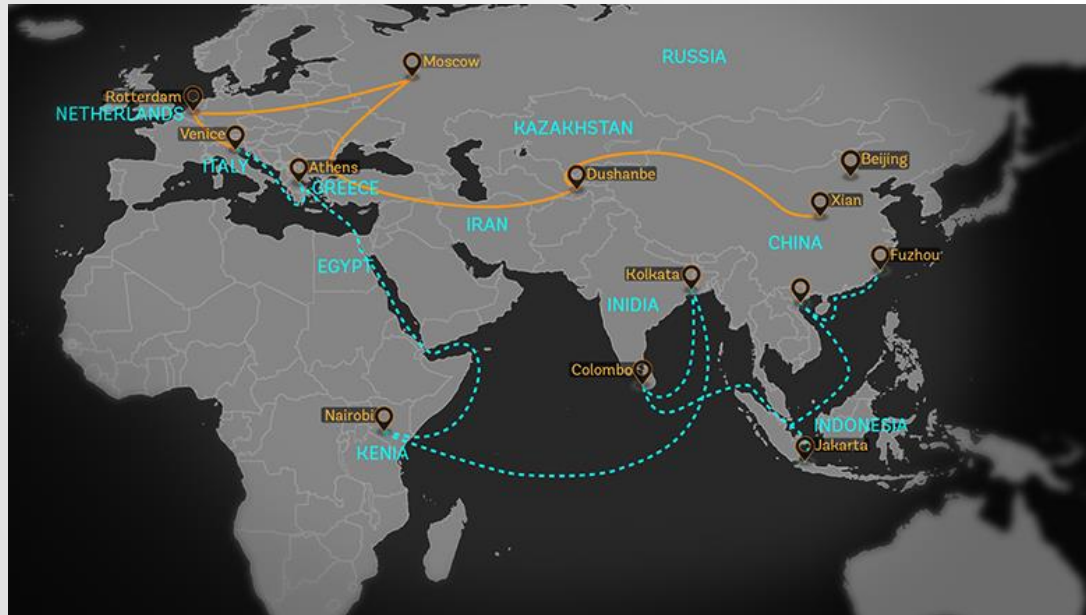
*Global economic power will shift to the E7 economies*



G7: US, UK, France, Germany, Japan, Canada and Italy  
E7: China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Russia, Mexico and Turkey

Sources: IMF for historical GDP, PwC analysis for projections to 2050

# BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE



- Transport Infrastructure Development
- Development Loans, Default Risks, and Political Interferences
- String of Pearls Strategy