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1. Geo-economic and geo-strategic interests have been playing a significant role in emerging strategic security partnerships (SSPs) between weak and strong actors.
2. Global powers can dominate weak actors through SSPs.
3. Global powers tend to cooperate with weak actors in order to protect their economic and political interests.
4. Global actors can use SSPs to spread their own norms, values and ideas across the world.
5. Strengthening institutional ties with weak organisations can provide significant opportunities for both global powers and weak actors.
6. Strategic partnerships in the areas of peace and security between weak and strong actors have the potential to increase the dependency of weak actors on the stronger ones.
7. Political and financial constraints of weak actors inhibit the development of SSPs with regional or global powers.
8. Cooperation is beneficial if you choose the right partner.
9. If you cooperate with a richer and stronger person, be ready to get an exciting and risky adventure.
10. It is difficult to cooperate with “gifted” people, because they tend to feel that their opinions and alternatives are the best.