

WORD LIST-2 (APR 20, 2023)

1. bilateral (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
2. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
3. strengthening (adjective) - growing.
4. make a stand (phrase) – to take a position (for protection/opposition).
5. inter- (prefix) - between.
6. inter-governmental (adjective) - between/involving two or more nations.
7. Inter-governmental Commission (noun) – an committee/panel created by treaty, involving two or more nations, to work in good faith, on issues of common interest.
8. commission (noun) - committee, council, group, panel.
9. meet (noun) - meeting, gathering, convention, event.
10. chair (verb) – to be the person in charge of a meeting, etc.
11. hail (verb) – acclaim, praise, applaud, glorify.
12. surge (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
13. surpass (verb) – be greater than, exceed.
14. trade imbalance (noun) – trade deficit.
15. imbalance (noun) – disparity, variation, variance, disproportion, unevenness, lopsidedness.
16. call for (phrasal verb) – require, need, necessitate, make necessary, demand, publicly ask for.
17. circumvent (verb) - avoid, dodge, escape, sidestep.
18. sanctions (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
19. guard against (verb) – take care for, beware of, keep watch for, be alert to.
20. over-compliance (noun) - it is a form of excessive avoidance of risk. It may involve blocking all financial transactions with a sanctioned country, entity or individual even when some transactions are authorized by humanitarian exemptions or fall outside of the sanctions' scope.

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21. due to (phrase) – because of, owing to, on account of, as a result of.
22. negotiations (noun) - discussions, dialogue, consultation, deliberation.
23. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) (noun) – an agreement between two or more countries designed to reduce or eliminate certain barriers to trade and investment, and to facilitate stronger trade and commercial ties between participating countries.
24. Eurasian (adjective) – relating to Eurasia (the total continental land mass of Europe and Asia combined).
25. Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU or EEU) (noun) - It is an ambitious project for economic integration in the former Soviet region. Its formal objectives are to create a common market much like the European Union (EU). It consists of five member states: Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia.
26. catapult (verb) – propel, launch, send, loft.
27. laggard (noun/adjective) – slower, delayer, snail, loiterer, lingerer (than expected).
28. impetus (noun) - stimulus, boost, encouragement, incentive.
29. welcome (adjective) – pleasing, agreeable, encouraging, promising.
30. circumstances (noun) - condition, situation, state of affairs.
31. development (noun) - turn of events, occurrence, happening.
32. turn to (verb) - resort to, have recourse to, fall back on, make use of ,utilize.
33. increasingly (adverb) – more and more, steadily more, continuously more, gradually more,
34. intake (noun) – supply.
35. deficit (noun) – shortfall, deficiency, undersupply.
36. accusation (noun) – claim, allegation, charge, indictment.
37. blood on one's hands (phrase) - used to say that someone is responsible for someone else's death.
38. overstate (verb) - exaggerate, overdo, overemphasize, overplay, magnify, amplify.
39. impression (noun) – feeling, notion, belief, perception, suspicion.
40. traction (noun) – attraction, demand, acceptance, popularity, purchase.

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41. [Shanghai Cooperation Organisation \(SCO\)](#) (noun) – The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai (China). The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and is seen as a counterweight to NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization). It was established as a multilateral association to ensure security and maintain stability across the vast Eurasian region, join forces to counteract emerging challenges and threats, and enhance trade, as well as cultural and humanitarian cooperation.
42. [summit](#) (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.
43. [contention](#) (noun) – argument, claim, position, opinion, affirmation, assertion.
44. [turmoil](#) (noun) – disorder, turbulence, confusion, trouble, chaos.
45. [alliance](#) (noun) – association, coalition, union, partnership.
46. [civilian](#) (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.

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