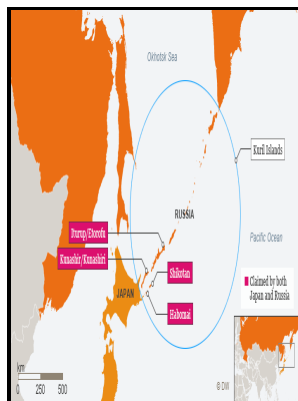


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The Soviet Union rejected the view at that time, and subsequently, Russia has maintained the same position since then. At the conclusion of their meeting, Lavrov said that they agreed on wanting to increase ties between the two countries but serious differences remained between the Russian and Japanese positions on the issue.

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In retrospect, however, their lessons should have been given much greater weight when the alliance began its post—Cold War chapter and took on the challenge of transforming the security of the whole of Europe. The declaration gave Japan the Habomai islet group and Shikotan while the Soviet Union claimed the remaining islands, but the United States did not allow the 1956 treaty. The first was the relatively brief but dramatic Cuban missile crisis of 1962, and the second was the much more protracted Euromissile crisis of the early 1980s.

Treaty of Shimoda

Third, Russia and the regional institutions it has created—such as the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, and the EAEU—are not set up to tackle the major problems afflicting all countries in both regions—including poor governance, corruption, lack of accountability, transparency and the rule of law, and poverty and economic underdevelopment. This reliance ultimately perpetuated itself. In a region riven by fierce geopolitical and sectarian rivalries, the ability to talk to everyone without taking sides, while providing a measure of diplomatic flexibility, has limited value.

Soviet

News of the terms of the treaty appeared to show Japanese weakness in front of the European powers, and this frustration caused the and the collapse of's cabinet on January 7, 1906. On the other hand, the Japanese economy was severely strained by the war, with rapidly mounting foreign debts, and Japanese forces in Manchuria faced the problem of ever-extending supply lines.

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