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Multipolarization and power diffusion mean the US is losing gradually its overweening dominance. China, Europe, Russia, Japan and India are increasingly independent, and the changing international pattern is allowing middle powers more swing room in the construction of a new international order.

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The potential is large for China and Europe to further economic integration, the global order, and inter-civilizational exchanges through China's One Belt One Road. Four features emerge from Sino-European cooperation on it: China initiates planning for the cooperation, connectivity is the focus, strategic cooperation on international order is on the horizon, and cooperation is multi-speed, multi-dimensional and open-ended. Any discussion of the drive, dynamics, and prospect of such profound cooperation will need to take into account benefits to both Europe and China, as well as hurdles and the impact of global trends.

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For nearly 20 years, the US view of Sino-US long-term relations has been reflected in the strategic approach of the president at the time. However, by the time Obama reached the mid-point of his second term, he had not come up with a new strategic vision on China. What we saw was the dominance of heightened Sino-US strategic competition instead. There is little sign that the US will come up with a new strategic vision on China. From the Chinese side, Beijing should hold on to the pursuit of its new type of major power relations in order to wrest control of the general direction of Sino-US strategic relations.

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