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## **Roma Locuta - Causa Finita? What is the Gravitas of the Small and Medium-Sized States in the International Game Lead by the Big Players?**

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The events we have been observing in recent years may lead us to the conclusion that we are witnessing the return of the nineteenth-century style of international politics, to the concert of the great powers, where some of the most important players are in the lead, yet the voices of the smaller states are increasingly weaker and their interests are respected insofar as they are compatible with the aspirations of the superpowers. Is this impression justified? How important is the voice of the small and medium sized states in international politics?

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