

SANCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ITS INFLUENCE ON CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Abstract: This paper focuses on the phenomenon of sanctions in international politics, and deeply discusses its connotation, type, implementation mechanism and the political logic behind it. Through the analysis of many sanctions cases in history, the role and limitations of sanctions in the international political game are revealed. At the same time, it elaborated the multi-dimensional impact of sanctions on China's international relations, including trade frictions and cooperation opportunities in the economic field, changes in the geopolitical situation, and the adjustment and response of diplomatic strategies. On this basis, it puts forward the countermeasures that China should take in the complex international sanctions environment, aiming to safeguard national interests, promote international cooperation, and provide theoretical support and practical guidance for China's steady development on the international stage, which is of important practical significance and strategic value.

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1 FOREWORD

In today's global international political stage, sanctions, as an important diplomatic means and policy tool, frequently appear in the political, economic and military interactions among countries. The implementation of sanctions often leads to profound changes in international relations, which not only affects the political stability, economic development and social livelihood of the target countries, but also has a broad impact on the interests of the sanctions sponsors and other countries. As for China, with the continuous improvement of its international status and the increasingly close foreign economic and trade ties, the dynamic changes of international sanctions have an important impact on China's international relations. Therefore, a thorough study of sanctions in international politics and their impact on China's international relations is of great practical significance for China to formulate a reasonable foreign policy, safeguard national interests and promote international cooperation [1].

2 THE CONNOTATION AND TYPE OF SANCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

2.1 The Definition and Nature of Sanctions

Sanctions, broadly speaking, are mandatory measures taken by one or more countries against another, designed to force the target country to change a particular policy or behavior by limiting or depriving certain interests of it. These measures usually involve economy, trade, finance, military, diplomacy and other fields. In essence, they are a kind of power politics, and one of the means for a country to use its own strength to achieve political goals in the international system. The implementation of sanctions is often based on international law, resolutions of international organizations or agreements between countries, but in practice, it may also be influenced by great power politics, geopolitics and other factors, presenting a complex and diverse forms [2].

2.2 The Main Types of Sanctions

Economic sanctions are one of the most common types of sanctions, including trade sanctions, financial sanctions and investment sanctions. Trade sanctions mainly exert pressure by restricting or prohibiting the import and export trade with the target countries, such as raising tariffs, setting up trade barriers, implementing the embargo and other measures, aiming to hit the economic lifeline of the target countries and weaken their economic strength. Financial sanctions focus on cutting off the links between target countries and the international financial system, such as freezing assets, restricting financial transactions and prohibiting international financial institutions from providing loans to them, thus disrupting their financial order and causing economic turmoil. Investment sanctions are to prevent domestic enterprises or international investors from investing in target countries and restrain the impetus and potential of their economic development [3].

Military sanctions are usually in the form of arms embargoes, military aid restrictions, and disruption of military cooperation. The arms embargo aims to prevent target countries from acquiring advanced weapons and equipment and enhancing their military capabilities, thus maintaining a regional or international military balance. The military aid restrictions are the reduction or cessation of military aid to target countries, including material, technical and personnel training, and weaken their military defense and combat capabilities. The interruption of military cooperation involves the suspension or termination of joint military exercises, intelligence sharing, military and technical cooperation, which

has a negative impact on the military strategic layout and security of the target countries [4].

Diplomatic sanctions are mainly reflected in lowering the level of diplomatic relations, recalling ambassadors, severing diplomatic relations, and restricting diplomatic activities. These measures aim to convey a strong political signal to the target countries, indicating the dissatisfaction and condemnation of the sanctions sponsors with their policies or actions. At the same time, they also weaken the influence and voice of the target countries on the international stage and force them to adjust their policy positions under diplomatic pressure [5].

3 THE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM AND LOGIC BEHIND SANCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

3.1 Sanctions Implementation Subject and Decision-Making Process

Sanctions are usually enforced by single countries, groups of countries, or international organizations. Individual national sanctions are based on national interests and diplomatic goals, and their decisions are flexible but influenced by many parties. Groups of countries such as the European Union and NATO require member-state consultations, and their decision-making is complex but influential. International organizations such as the UN Security Council sanctions have legitimacy and authority and follow specific procedures aimed at maintaining peace and security, but the actual implementation may be subject to the political and geopolitical constraints of major powers.

3.2 the Political Motivation and Interest Game of Sanctions

The political motives of sanctions are complex, including maintaining security, promoting ideology, competing for geopolitical advantages, and protecting economic interests. The sponsors of sanctions can contain threats, promote values, compete for spheres of influence, control resources, influence regional patterns, and protect their own economic interests. In the implementation of sanctions, the interests of all parties are intertwined and playing games, and the effect is affected by the countermeasures of the target countries, international public opinion and the balance of the interests of third countries [6].

4 THE IMPACT OF THE SANCTIONS ON CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

4.1 The Impact of the Economic Fields

International sanctions lead to risks to China's foreign trade, especially those with sanctioned countries. Sanctions could reduce orders and shrink markets for Chinese exporters, especially in the energy, military and high-tech industries. Sanctions could also lead to global trade chaos and economic uncertainty, increasing the difficulty and risk of Chinese companies in overseas markets.

Sanctions bring cooperation opportunities to China. China can strengthen trade cooperation with sanctioned countries in non-sensitive areas and expand its market share. For example, China-Russia trade has been strengthened in the energy, agriculture and manufacturing sectors. China can also cooperate with other emerging economies to jointly address the sanctions challenges, promote South-South cooperation and strengthen its voice in global economic governance [7].

4.2 geopolitical Influences

International sanctions may lead to changes in the geopolitical situation in China's surrounding regions and affect regional security and stability. For example, the sanctions situation on the Korean Peninsula affects the security of Northeast Asia, aggravates regional tensions, and poses challenges to China's border security and refugee issues. The sanctions in the southwest may also affect the balance of regional power and affect China's geopolitical interests.

The sanctions have prompted China to adjust its relations with other major powers. China advocates peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue and consultation may be different from the position of the initiator of sanctions. This difference provides a new opportunity for China to cooperate with other major powers. For example, in China-US relations, China is actively exploring the space for cooperation with the United States to avoid tension caused by sanctions and promote the building of a new model of major-country relationship.

4.3 The Influence of Diplomatic Strategy

In the face of international sanctions, China adheres to an independent foreign policy of peace and advocates multilateralism and international cooperation. China stands for the settlement of disputes through peaceful negotiations, opposes unilateral means, and upholds international fairness and justice. China has played a constructive role in international organizations, promoting a joint response to global challenges and enhancing its international moral image and reputation [8].

China needs to flexibly adjust its diplomatic strategies and countermeasures in light of the sanctions situation. We will strengthen communication and coordination with the international community, actively participate in sanctions, discussions and decision-making, strive for a voice and influence, and avoid damage to our interests. At the same time, China will strengthen diplomatic communication and people-to-people exchanges with sanctioned countries, provide

humanitarian assistance and development support, demonstrate China's image as a responsible major country, maintain regional peace and stability, and promote friendly and cooperative relations.

5 CHINA'S RESPONSE STRATEGY AND PROSPECTS

5.1 Strengthening International Cooperation and Coordination

China should actively strengthen cooperation and coordination with other countries in the international political, economic, security and other fields to jointly respond to the global challenges brought about by the sanctions. In the economic field, we should promote the reform and improvement of the multilateral trading system, strengthen trade cooperation with emerging economies and developing countries, jointly oppose trade protectionism and unilateral sanctions, and safeguard the development trend of global trade liberalization and economic globalization. In the field of international security, China has actively participated in UN peacekeeping operations and international counter-terrorism cooperation, worked with other countries to safeguard world peace and security, and enhanced China's influence and voice in international security affairs. At the same time, by strengthening cooperation with international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, we will use international rules and mechanisms to safeguard China's legitimate rights and interests and make the international order more just and equitable [9].

5.2 Promoting Economic Restructuring, Transformation and Upgrading

In order to reduce the potential impact of international sanctions on China's economy, China should accelerate its economic restructuring, transformation and upgrading. We will increase investment in scientific and technological innovation, foster emerging industries and high-end manufacturing industries, and improve the core competitiveness of the Chinese economy and its ability to withstand risks. We will reduce our dependence on traditional energy sources and resources, strengthen the development of an energy security system, and promote the diversified and clean development of the energy mix. At the same time, we will actively expand the domestic market, promote the growth of domestic demand, reduce the dependence on foreign trade, and achieve sustainable economic development. Through the optimization and upgrading of its economic structure, China is better able to cope with the external shocks brought about by sanctions and enhance the stability and resilience of its economy.

5.3 Strengthening Diplomatic Communication and Consultation

China should further strengthen the mechanism of diplomatic communication and consultation, and actively carry out all-round and multi-level diplomatic activities. We should strengthen friendly and cooperative relations with neighboring countries, resolve regional disputes and conflicts through diplomatic dialogue and consultation, and maintain peace and stability in neighboring regions. We should deepen strategic dialogue and cooperation with major countries, enhance mutual understanding and trust, and avoid confrontation and conflicts between major countries caused by sanctions. At the same time, China will actively carry out public diplomacy and people-to-people exchanges, convey China's vision of peaceful development and friendly cooperation to the world, and enhance China's international image and soft power. Through effective diplomatic communication and consultation, China can better safeguard its national interests in the complex environment of international sanctions, expand the space for international cooperation, and create favorable external conditions for China's peaceful development.

5.4 Improve the Domestic Laws, Regulations and Policy System

In order to cope with the legal risks and policy challenges brought about by international sanctions, China should further improve its domestic laws, regulations and policy system. We will strengthen research on legal issues concerning international sanctions, formulate corresponding laws and regulations, and clarify the legal responsibilities and protection measures of Chinese enterprises in their overseas business activities, so as to prevent Chinese enterprises from suffering unnecessary losses due to sanctions. At the same time, we will improve domestic trade policies, investment policies and financial policies, strengthen policy support and risk prevention for key industries and sectors, and improve the overall ability of the Chinese economy to withstand risks. In addition, the coordination and cooperation among domestic regulators should be strengthened to form an effective regulatory synergy to ensure China's economic and financial security and social stability [10].

5.5 Enhance the International Voice and Influence

China should make active use of the international stage to enhance its international voice and influence. We should strengthen our voice in the international public opinion field, explain China's position and views on international sanctions to the world through the media, think tanks and academic exchanges, expose the political motivation and irrationality behind the sanctions, and guide the international public opinion to develop in an objective and fair direction. We will actively participate in the formulation and revision of international rules, promote the reform and improvement of the global governance system, integrate China's ideas and propositions into international rules, and create a more

favorable international institutional environment for China's peaceful development. By enhancing its international voice and influence, China will be able to better safeguard its own interests in the game of international sanctions, promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, and achieve the goal of common development and common prosperity.

To sum up, the phenomenon of sanctions in international politics has a multi-dimensional impact on China's international relations, with both challenges and opportunities. China should actively take countermeasures, strengthen international cooperation and coordination, promote economic structure adjustment and transformation and upgrading, strengthen diplomatic communication and consultation, improve the domestic laws and regulations and policy system, improve international voice and influence, in the complex environment of international sanctions steady, in order to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation the Chinese dream and promote the construction of human destiny community make positive contribution. In the future, with the continuous evolution of the international political pattern and the continuous improvement of China's comprehensive national strength, China will have a broader space and a more solid foundation in responding to international sanctions and shaping international relations, and is expected to play a more important leading role on the international stage.

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