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In the United States, the debate is monopolized by the new **National Defense Strategy (NDS 2026)** presented by the Trump administration. Specialist sites highlight a radical paradigm shift: less emphasis on climate change and "nation-building" operations and a brutal return to hemispheric security and the development of the "Warrior Ethos." The document focuses on **"burden shifting," meaning the transfer of security responsibility to regional partners, both in Europe and Asia**. This approach is forcing historical allies to reconsider their defense budgets to avoid being exposed in case of American disengagement.

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The Pacific Rearms: The New Zealand-Cook Islands Axis

While the great powers discuss global strategies, fundamental tactical alliances are taking shape in the Pacific. **The signing of the security pact between New Zealand and the Cook Islands, which took place yesterday, is the direct response to Chinese expansionism recorded in 2025**. This agreement, although concerning small nations, is seen by analysts at *Naval News* as a crucial piece for controlling maritime routes in the South Pacific. At the same time, **Australia has announced the creation of a new "Littoral Manoeuvre Group"** for amphibious operations, signaling an unprecedented militarization of the Indo-Pacific area since World War II.

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The Technological Front and Space as a Battlefield Domain

The latest frontier analyzed in recent hours concerns space defense. Both **Switzerland and Germany have included in their 2026 programs the "Fähigkeitsaufbau Weltraum" (space capability development).** It is no longer just about communication satellites, but mobile space radars and surveillance systems capable of monitoring adversary assets in low orbit. **The protection of critical infrastructures from space has become an absolute priority, as the dependence of terrestrial weapon systems on GPS signals and satellite data makes the space sector the true "Achilles' heel" of modern Western democracies.**