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In Search of Mutual Interest in Turkish French Relations

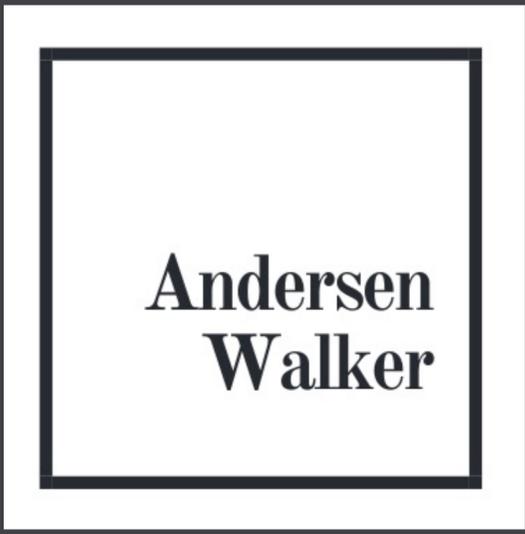
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ABSTRACT

The article is the first part of a series that intends to highlight some of the primary issues behind the current state of 'conflict of interest' consuming French-Turkish relations and questions its sustainability. The Macron-Erdogan era between 2017-2020 portrays us with nothing short of a dire calamity.

The gravity of each issue that stems from either the direct conflict of national interests defined in terms of power or from those external circumstances related to third parties/proxies, makes their prompt solutions all the more necessary.

Understanding the two sides of a story is vital not only for policy makers but also for the public perception exposed to limited and easily biased perspectives.

The article intends to present a summarized statement of events of in an effort to contribute to their solution which it claims is indexed in the better understanding of the 'other'.

After the presentation of the states of affairs pertaining to several clusters that constitute the conflict, the article in a normative twist, suggests that a more rational strategy would be the harmonization of national interests, since the current situation is harmful and cannot be sustained even in the medium run.

Aware of the entailed endeavour's difficulty, the process is expected to be facilitated by the complex interdependency woven through centuries of established rules and norms between the two states.

