He rejected those out of hand ‘hardliners’ who desired an alliance with Soviet Russia...

To make them a global power again

...Describing them as ‘the maddest of foreign policy makers’

Tradition of Wirths

Maintain the Rappello friendship with USSR.

Forthright in 1920’s push for objectives

To encourage co-operation + peace, particularly with the Western powers

For his whole reign, Stresemann’s foreign policy was shaped by his deep understanding of the domestic + international situations

He recognised that Germany hadn’t been ‘Stabbed in the back’...

...But had been militarily defeated.

Restored a great power

Stresemann’s main aims were to free Germany from the limitations of Versailles

Recognise that France rightly did have security concerns.

France also controlled balance of payments on the continent

Regarded Franco-German friendship as essential.

His only choice was diplomacy

He ruled out taking any offensive action

QUOTE: He was backed by the power of German traditions & the economy

Sympathy of USA was vital to attract American investment in their economy

Earn the goodwill + cooperation of UK & USA.

To play on Germany’s importance in world trade.