Cobalt is a strategic metal due to its major uses in industry sectors such as aerospace and defense.
Cobalt improves anti-corrosion properties of alloys, makes more efficient catalysis, provides hardmetals, help rubber adhere to tyres and it is in magnets used in transport systems and wind power generators.

Cobalt is essential because it is irreplaceable in many of the current renewable technologies, as it is found in storage systems for solar and wind plants, rechargeable batteries and it is also utilized to make clean fuels.

Cobalt criticality and its characteristic as a strategic element is largely due to its huge economic importance and its concentration in just a few countries.

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