

Resolution to Remove the U.S. from NATO and the UN

Summary

NATO disproportionately relies on American funding and most members fail to meet their own requirements of 2 percent of GDP spent on defense. At the same time, NATO actions in Afghanistan led to 2,443 American military fatalities, military drills in the Baltic States and Poland have provoked Russia, and its actions in Libya triggered a refugee crisis. The UN similarly relies on American funding, which for our contributions, affords the U.S. no additional power in the organization. The organization also has zero accountability, leading to massive administrative waste and widespread sexual abuse in “peacekeeping” missions. The UN Human Rights Council also contains noted human rights abusers, such as China, making the entire entity into a hypocritical joke. On top of all of this, both NATO and the UN encroach on American sovereignty, blatantly violating the U.S. Constitution.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the United States contributes approximately 70% of NATO's total defense spending, amounting to over \$800 billion annually, and increasing 34 percent from 2014 to 2023. This is a disproportionate burden compared to European NATO members, as the U.S. accounts for only 53 percent of NATO's GDP, according to NATO's own numbers, and 43 percent of its population. The U.S. is also much further removed from potential adversaries, like Moscow, compared to NATO's European members ^[1]; and

WHEREAS, these American contributions have included almost \$1 trillion in total for military operations in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2021. For that expenditure, 2,443 American soldiers were lost with no lasting stability achieved in the country ^[2]; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, NATO members agreed to each spend 2 percent of their GDP on national defense and 20 percent of that money on procurement and research. However, as of 2021, only 9 of the 32 member states have reached the former target while 24 have met the latter ^[3]; and

WHEREAS, NATO's expansion into former Eastern bloc and Warsaw Pact countries since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989, as well as subsequent military drills in the Baltic states and Poland, have been provocative to Russia, increasing tensions in Eastern Europe and leading to the Russian invasion of Crimea in 2014 ^[4]; and

WHEREAS, NATO overstepped its UN mandate to protect Libyan civilians in 2011, resulting in state collapse. This created a power vacuum that was filled by terrorist organizations, who were responsible for notorious Benghazi embassy attack, and has since triggered a massive refugee crisis hastening the demographic decline of Europe ^[5]; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has been the largest contributor to the UN since its inception, contributing over a quarter of the UN's budget, amounting to almost \$13 billion in 2023 ^[6]; and

WHEREAS, despite this immense financial backing, the U.S still only holds the same single vote as the other 192 member states in the UN General Assembly. This creates a massive disparity between its institutional funding and institutional power; and

WHEREAS, much of this money has gone to waste, as the UN is completely insulated from taxpayer accountability, and there is no independent UN audit or oversight, with the budget growing 43 percent faster than the U.S. government's budget ^[7]; and

WHEREAS, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which claims to help Palestinians displaced in the 1948 Palestine War, may knowingly have employees connected to Hamas and allows this terrorist organization to influence its policies and decisions, to the detriment of American ally Israel ^[8], and

WHEREAS, the UN Human Rights Council has allowed authoritarian regimes with long histories of human rights abuses among its members, who have no business dealing with these matters. For example, China has committed genocide against the Uyghur Muslim minority in the Xinjiang province, including sterilizations and forced fertility restriction, which contradicts Article II Section D of the UN's own Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. This calls the legitimacy of this council into question ^[9]; and

WHEREAS, UN peacekeeping operations have been plagued by sexual abuse scandals at the hands of peacekeepers. For example, the UN's own

report revealed 217 allegations of peacekeepers sexually abusing underaged girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo ^[10]; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States establishes that the primary duty of the federal government is to "provide for the common defense" and "promote the general welfare" of the American people, and does not give these powers to unelected foreign entities ^[11]; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution vests in Congress the power to "provide for the common defense" and to "declare war," power that is also not delegated to unaccountable international organizations ^[12]; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment clearly states that "powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people," reinforcing this core principle of American sovereignty ^[13];

THEREFORE, [INSERT COMMITTEE NAME HERE] calls on every Republican leader throughout [INSERT NAME OF STATE AND LOCALITIES HERE], to support the contents of a resolution demanding the U.S. conduct an immediate withdrawal from both NATO and the UN. The [INSERT COMMITTEE NAME HERE] passes this resolution to create a mandate demanding that America immediately exit NATO and the UN.

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