

Date of most recent action: June 7, 2023

**Agreement on the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation,
National Representatives and International Staff**

Done: Ottawa; September 20, 1951

Entry into force: May 18, 1954

In accordance with Article 26, the Agreement shall be open for signature by Member States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and shall be subject to ratification. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America. The Agreement entered into force for signatory States ratifying the Agreement as soon as six signatory States deposited their instruments of ratification. The Agreement comes into force in respect of each other signatory State on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

Notes:

An Extract from the Summary Record of a meeting of the North Atlantic Council Deputies, signed on December 12, 1951, notes discrepancies between the English and French texts of Articles 14 and 16 of the Agreement. The Extract records the agreement by the Council Deputies on behalf of their Governments that the English text of Articles 14 and 16 is correct and that the French text should be corrected to conform with the English text. The Extract reproduces those articles in the French text of the Agreement with the agreed corrections.

An Agreed Minute was signed by the North Atlantic Council Deputies on April 4, 1952, to transfer the functions of the Chairman of the Council Deputies under this Agreement to the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (or the Secretary-General's deputy or any such other person as the North Atlantic Council may decide) in consequence of the NATO reorganization which abolished the office of Chairman of the Council Deputies.

Legend: (no mark) = ratification; **w** = withdrawal or equivalent action

| Participant | Signature | Consent to be bound | | Entry into Force | Notes |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Albania | April 9, 2009 | May 15, 2009 | | May 15, 2009 | |
| Belgium | September 20, 1951 | February 18, 1955 | | February 18, 1955 | ¹ |
| Bulgaria | July 12, 2004 | October 22, 2004 | | October 22, 2004 | |
| Canada | September 20, 1951 | September 1, 1954 | | September 1, 1954 | |
| Croatia | July 23, 2009 | October 29, 2010 | | October 29, 2010 | |
| Czech Republic | April 26, 1999 | November 18, 1999 | | November 18, 1999 | |
| Denmark | September 20, 1951 | May 7, 1952 | | May 18, 1954 | |
| Estonia | September 7, 2004 | November 26, 2004 | | November 26, 2004 | |
| Finland | May 11, 2023 | June 7, 2023 | | June 7, 2023 | |
| France | September 20, 1951 | January 20, 1955 | | January 20, 1955 | |
| Germany | May 29, 1956 | July 25, 1958 | | July 25, 1958 | |
| Greece | May 6, 1955 | December 10, 1956 | | December 10, 1956 | |
| Hungary | January 21, 2000 | May 15, 2000 | | May 15, 2000 | |
| Iceland | September 20, 1951 | May 11, 1953 | | May 18, 1954 | |

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|
| Italy | September 20, 1951 | March 9, 1955 | | March 9, 1955 | |
| Latvia | August 10, 2004 | February 17, 2005 | | February 17, 2005 | |
| Lithuania | September 8, 2004 | January 3, 2005 | | January 3, 2005 | |
| Luxembourg | September 20, 1951 | July 23, 1954 | | July 23, 1954 | ² |
| Montenegro | September 27, 2017 | March 27, 2018 | | March 27, 2018 | |
| Netherlands | September 20, 1951 | July 14, 1952 | | May 18, 1954 | ³ |
| North Macedonia | June 2, 2022 | | | | |
| Norway | September 20, 1951 | February 24, 1953 | | May 18, 1954 | |
| Poland | September 21, 1999 | September 21, 1999 | | September 21, 1999 | |
| Portugal | September 20, 1951 | November 22, 1955 | | November 22, 1955 | ⁴ |
| Romania | June 30, 2004 | January 5, 2005 | | January 5, 2005 | |
| Slovak Republic | August 13, 2004 | December 16, 2004 | | December 16, 2004 | |
| Slovenia | June 14, 2004 | September 28, 2004 | | September 28, 2004 | |
| Spain | March 4, 1987 | August 10, 1987 | | August 10, 1987 | |
| Turkiye | October 2, 1953 | May 18, 1954 | | May 18, 1954 | ⁵ |
| United Kingdom | September 20, 1951 | December 10, 1954 | | December 10, 1954 | ⁶ |
| United States | September 20, 1951 | July 24, 1953 | | May 18, 1954 | ⁷ |

¹ At the time of signature of the Agreement, Belgium signed, with Luxembourg and the Netherlands, a document which reads as follows:

“On signing the Agreement of today’s date regarding the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, National Representatives and International Staff, the Plenipotentiaries of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, make the following Declaration:

“The nationals of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands may not avail themselves of the provisions of the present Agreement to claim in the territory of one of these aforementioned Powers any exemption which they do not enjoy in their own territory with respect to duties, taxes and other dues which have been or will be standardised by virtue of conventions which have been or will be concluded for the purposes of bringing about the Economic Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.”

The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by Belgium includes the foregoing declaration.

The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by Belgium was accompanied by the following statement, an English translation of which reads as follows:

“In depositing the instruments of ratification by Belgium regarding the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, National Representatives and International Staff and the declaration of the Belgian, Luxembourg and Netherlands Governments, signed at Ottawa, September 20, 1951, I have the honor to formulate the following reservation:

““With respect to the fiscal status of the employees of the Organization, as defined in Article 19 of the Agreement, Belgium reserves the right at a later date to request its revision, with a view to providing for the taxation, by the Organization itself and to its profit, of the salaries and fees that it pays its employees, as well as for adequate measures to prevent the double taxation of the said salaries and fees.””

² At the time of signature of the Agreement, Luxembourg signed, with Belgium and the Netherlands, a document which reads as follows:

“On signing the Agreement of today’s date regarding the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, National Representatives and International Staff, the Plenipotentiaries of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, make the following Declaration:

“The nationals of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands may not avail themselves of the provisions of the present Agreement to claim in the territory of one of these aforementioned Powers any exemption which they do not enjoy in their own territory with respect to duties, taxes and other dues which have been or will be standardised by virtue of conventions which have been or will be concluded for the purposes of bringing about the Economic Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.”

The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by Luxembourg includes the foregoing declaration.

³ At the time of signature of the Agreement, the Netherlands signed, with Belgium and Luxembourg, a document which reads as follows:

“On signing the Agreement of today’s date regarding the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, National Representatives and International Staff, the Plenipotentiaries of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, make the following Declaration:

“The nationals of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands may not avail themselves of the provisions of the present Agreement to claim in the territory of one of these aforementioned Powers any exemption which they do not enjoy in their own territory with respect to duties, taxes and other dues which have been or will be standardised by virtue of conventions which have been or will be concluded for the purposes of bringing about the Economic Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.”

The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by the Netherlands includes the foregoing declaration.

⁴ Signature of the Agreement by Portugal accompanied with a reservation on the non-application of Article 6 in case of expropriation. The reservation was included in Portugal’s instrument of ratification of the Agreement.

⁵ The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by Türkiye includes the Agreed Minute signed on April 4, 1952.

⁶ The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by the United Kingdom includes the Agreed Minute signed on April 4, 1952.

⁷ The instrument of ratification of the Agreement by the United States includes the Extract signed on December 12, 1951.