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Expressing the sense of the Senate that member countries of NATO must commit at least 2 percent of their national gross domestic product to national defense spending to hold leadership or benefit at the expense of those counties who meet their obligations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that member countries of NATO must commit at least 2 percent of their national gross domestic product to national defense spending to hold leadership or benefit at the expense of those counties who meet their obligations.

Whereas, in 2014, the heads of state and governments of the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (commonly known as “NATO”) renewed their earlier commitment to invest 2 percent of their national gross domestic product (referred to in this preamble as “GDP”) to defense spending to help ensure the continued military readiness of NATO;

Whereas NATO considers the 2 percent commitment as a floor and not a ceiling for what member countries of NATO have committed to invest in their national defense efforts;

Whereas the current global security environment has caused the current leadership of NATO and the United States to consider raising this commitment even higher;

Whereas 23 of the 31 member countries spent at least 2 percent of their GDP on national defense in 2024;

Whereas, since the year 2000, NATO has lost almost \$2,000,000,000,000 in mutual defense spending capability from member countries not meeting the commitment of 2 percent of their GDP towards defense; and

Whereas it is in the interest of all member countries to meet the 2 percent minimum commitment or have a plan in place to do so before the opening session of the NATO Summit in The Hague, which is scheduled to take place in June 2025: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) any citizen of a member country of the
3 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (commonly
4 known as “NATO”) that is not meeting its commit-
5 ment to spend 2 percent of its gross domestic prod-
6 uct (referred to in this resolution as “GDP”) on na-
7 tional defense should not be allowed to hold any po-
8 sition within the leadership of NATO, including po-
9 sitions such as—

10 (A) the Secretary General of NATO;

1 (B) the Deputy Secretary General of
2 NATO;

3 (C) any Assistant Secretaries General of
4 NATO;

5 (D) the NATO Spokesperson; and

6 (E) any uniformed military leadership or
7 command positions within the structure of
8 NATO at the 2-star (OF-7) level or above; and

9 (2) any member country of NATO that fails to
10 meet its commitment to spend 2 percent of its GDP
11 on national defense should not be allowed to host
12 any significant formal or informal meetings, con-
13 ferences, or summits of NATO at the ministerial
14 level or above, outside established routine corporate
15 processes of NATO that direct military operations or
16 coordination at a headquarters location, that would
17 provide substantial economic benefit to the economy
18 and enable the ability for that member country to
19 receive international recognition, including—

20 (A) the NATO Summit;

21 (B) meetings of NATO Ministers of For-
22 eign Affairs;

23 (C) NATO Parliamentary Assembly ses-
24 sions; and

- 1 (D) the NATO Youth Summit or similar
- 2 events.

