

PROTOCOL TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OF  
1949 ON THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
NORTH MACEDONIA

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

PROTOCOL TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OF 1949 ON THE  
ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA



APRIL 29, 2019.—Treaty was read the first time, and together with the  
accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations  
and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 29, 2019.*

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (the “Protocol”). The Protocol was signed in Brussels on February 6, 2019, on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is an overview of the Protocol by the Department of State. Full ratification of the Protocol will allow North Macedonia to become a Party to the North Atlantic Treaty and a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

As further explained in the report on the accession of North Macedonia to NATO, transmitted to the Congress on March 27, 2019, pursuant to section 3(2)(E)(ii) of the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic of April 30, 1998, North Macedonia is a steadfast security partner of the United States, and its NATO membership will directly benefit United States strategic interests and the NATO Alliance.

I ask that the Senate provide its advice and consent, and my Administration stands ready to brief and assist you in your deliberations.

DONALD J. TRUMP.



## LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, March 14, 2019.*

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit to you, with a view to its transmittal to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification, the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia ("Protocol"). A brief overview of the Protocol is also enclosed. The Protocol was opened for signature at Brussels on February 6, 2019, and was signed that day on behalf of the United States of America and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The Protocol proposes allowing North Macedonia to become a party to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949, which would make North Macedonia a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with all the privileges and responsibilities that apply to current NATO Allies. The core commitment to North Macedonia will be embodied in the existing text of the North Atlantic Treaty. I believe North Macedonia merits this commitment on our part, that it shares our common commitment to democratic values, and is prepared to act as a responsible Ally.

North Macedonia has made the difficult decisions needed to advance reforms and become a vibrant democracy. In addition to sending troops to fight in both Iraq and Afghanistan in the interest of collective security, North Macedonia takes its burden sharing seriously with a clear and credible plan in place to meet the Wales commitment of spending at least 2 percent of GDP on defense by 2024. It has also committed to rebalancing the current allocations within the defense budget with the goal of reducing personnel costs to 50 percent, increasing spending on operations, maintenance, and training to 30 percent, and increasing spending for equipment and modernization to 20 percent.

The accession of North Macedonia to the North Atlantic Treaty and its membership in the NATO Alliance will be a major step towards realizing your vision of a strong and free Europe that contributes to the preservation of the Western community of nations. I am therefore confident that the Senate will grant its advice and consent to ratification of this Protocol, after due deliberation, without hesitation.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL R. POMPEO.

Enclosures: As stated.

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#### OVERVIEW OF ACCESSION PROTOCOL

The Protocol is composed of three articles and is identical in structure to prior Protocols of Accession providing for other states to join NATO. Article I provides that, once the Protocol has entered into force, the Secretary General of NATO shall extend an invitation to North Macedonia to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty, and that, in accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, North Macedonia shall become a Party to the Treaty on the date it deposits its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America. Article II provides that the Protocol shall enter into force when each of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty has notified the Government of the United States of America of its acceptance of the Protocol. Article III provides that the English and French texts shall be equally authentic, and that the Protocol shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the United States of America, the depositary state for the North Atlantic Treaty.

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**PROTOCOL  
TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY  
ON THE ACCESSION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

**PROTOCOLE  
AU TRAITÉ DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD  
SUR L'ACCESSION DE  
LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE MACÉDOINE DU NORD**



The Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington on April 4, 1949,  
Being satisfied that the security of the North Atlantic area will be enhanced by the  
accession of the Republic of North Macedonia to that Treaty,

Agree as follows:

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**Article I**

Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation shall, on behalf of all the Parties, communicate to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia an invitation to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty. In accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, the Republic of North Macedonia shall become a Party on the date when it deposits its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America.

**Article II**

The present Protocol shall enter into force when each of the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty has notified the Government of the United States of America of its acceptance thereof. The Government of the United States of America shall inform all the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty of the date of receipt of each such notification and of the date of the entry into force of the present Protocol.

**Article III**

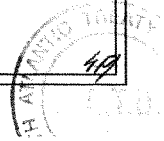
The present Protocol, of which the English and French texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the United States of America. Duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by that Government to the Governments of all the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

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Les Parties au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord, signé le 4 avril 1949 à Washington,

Assurées que l'accession de la République de Macédoine du Nord au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord permettra d'augmenter la sécurité de la région de l'Atlantique Nord,

Conviennent ce qui suit :



**Article I**

Dès l'entrée en vigueur de ce Protocole, le Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique Nord enverra, au nom de toutes les Parties, au Gouvernement de la République de Macédoine du Nord une invitation à adhérer au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord. Conformément à l'Article 10 du Traité, la République de Macédoine du Nord deviendra Partie à ce Traité à la date du dépôt de son instrument d'accession auprès du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

**Article II**

Le présent Protocole entrera en vigueur lorsque toutes les Parties au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord auront notifié leur approbation au Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique. Le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique informera toutes les Parties au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord de la date de réception de chacune de ces notifications et de la date d'entrée en vigueur du présent Protocole.

**Article III**

Le présent Protocole, dont les textes en français et anglais font également foi, sera déposé dans les archives du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique. Des copies certifiées conformes seront transmises par celui-ci aux Gouvernements de toutes les autres Parties au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord.



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In witness whereof, the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol.

Signed at Brussels on the sixth day of February 2019.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires désignés ci-dessous ont signé le présent Protocole.

Signé à Bruxelles le 6 février 2019.

For the Republic of Albania :  
Pour la République d'Albanie :



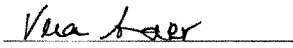
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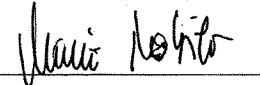
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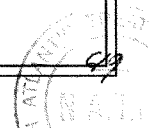
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For the Republic of Croatia :  
Pour la République de Croatie :



For the Czech Republic :  
Pour la République tchèque :



For the Kingdom of Denmark : *[Signature]*  
Pour le Royaume de Danemark :

For the Republic of Estonia : *[Signature]*  
Pour la République d'Estonie :

For the French Republic : *[Signature]*  
Pour la République française :

For the Federal Republic of Germany : *H. D. Lucas*  
Pour la République fédérale d'Allemagne :

For the Hellenic Republic : *[Signature]*  
Pour la République hellénique :

For Hungary : *Nagy Zoltán*  
Pour la Hongrie :

For the Republic of Iceland : *[Signature]*  
Pour la République d'Islande :

For the Italian Republic : *Borghese*  
Pour la République italienne :



For the Republic of Latvia : [Signature]  
Pour la République de Lettonie : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Republic of Lithuania : [Signature]  
Pour la République de Lituanie : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg : [Signature]  
Pour le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg : \_\_\_\_\_

For Montenegro : [Signature]  
Pour le Monténégro : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Kingdom of the Netherlands : [Signature]  
Pour le Royaume des Pays-Bas : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Kingdom of Norway : [Signature]  
Pour le Royaume de Norvège : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Republic of Poland : [Signature]  
Pour la République de Pologne : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Portuguese Republic : [Signature]  
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For Romania : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour la Roumanie : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Slovak Republic : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour la République slovaque : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Republic of Slovenia : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour la République de Slovénie : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Kingdom of Spain : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour le Royaume d'Espagne : \_\_\_\_\_

For the Republic of Turkey : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour la République de la Turquie : \_\_\_\_\_

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et  
d'Irlande du Nord : \_\_\_\_\_

For the United States of America : \_\_\_\_\_  
Pour les États-Unis d'Amérique : \_\_\_\_\_

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Brussels, 6 February 2019  
Bruxelles, 6 février 2019

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Steven Hill  
Legal Adviser of NATO  
Conseiller juridique de l'OTAN

