

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

Accession of Bulgaria

**Protocol Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Signed at Brussels March 26, 2003



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“...the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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North Atlantic Treaty: Accession of Bulgaria

Protocol signed at Brussels March 26, 2003;

*Transmitted by the President of the United States of America
to the Senate April 10, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-4,
108th Congress, 1st Session);*

*Reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
April 30, 2003 (Senate Executive Report No. 108-6,
108th Congress, 1st Session);*

*Advice and consent to ratification by the Senate
May 8, 2003;*

Ratified by the President February 25, 2004;

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

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**PROTOCOLE AU TRAITE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
SUR L'ACCESSION DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE BULGARIE**

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 Bulgaria to that Treaty,

Agree as follows:

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 Bulgaria an invitation to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty. In accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, the Republic of Bulgaria 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.

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

Assurées que l'accession de la République de Bulgarie 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 Bulgarie une invitation à adhérer au Traité de l'Atlantique Nord. Conformément à l'Article 10 du Traité, la République de Bulgarie 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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