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Expressing the Senate's support for taking interim steps to strengthen the military interoperability and resiliency of the militaries of Finland and Sweden with respect to their anticipated accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2022

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the Senate's support for taking interim steps to strengthen the military interoperability and resiliency of the militaries of Finland and Sweden with respect to their anticipated accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance.

Whereas North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ambassadors signed the Accession Protocols for Finland and Sweden on July 5, 2022;

Whereas the Senate agreed to the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (Treaty Doc. 117–3) on August 3, 2022;

Whereas the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO will strengthen the capabilities, geostrategic position, and deterrence posture of the alliance in the Baltic Sea region and the North Atlantic from that day forward; and

Whereas the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO will reduce each current member nation's respective burden share as a percentage of the total alliance's deterrence and defense posture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate, in accordance with its sup-
 2 port for NATO's collective security commitment and for
 3 maximizing the combined defense capabilities of United
 4 States allies and partners through NATO coordination
 5 and cooperation, and with anticipation for the accession
 6 of Finland and Sweden to the alliance—

7 (1) recognizes the steps taken by the United
 8 States to build upon years of joint and multilateral
 9 engagement, training, and exercises; and

10 (2) encourages the President to further advance
 11 the efforts of the United States with respect to—

12 (A) enhancing the interoperability of the
 13 militaries of Finland and Sweden with the
 14 United States, including via—

15 (i) exercises and training across all
 16 domains, including a focus on critical capa-
 17 bilities such as—

18 (I) command, control, and com-
 19 munications;

- 1 (II) logistics;
2 (III) planning; and
3 (IV) integrated and resilient op-
4 erations across Northern Europe and
5 the Arctic;
6 (ii) bomber task forces;
7 (iii) freedom of navigation operations
8 in the territorial waters of these nations
9 and of NATO allies in the Baltic Sea;
10 (iv) personnel and professional mili-
11 tary education program exchanges;
12 (v) United States foreign military
13 sales;
14 (vi) joint development of emerging
15 technologies, including cybersecurity and
16 telecommunications components; and
17 (vii) coordination on critical infra-
18 structure, including dual-use infrastructure
19 such as telecommunications infrastructure
20 and port facilities;
21 (B) trilateral cooperation between Finland
22 and Sweden with the United States, including
23 the military activities described in clauses (i)
24 through (vii) of subparagraph (A) and through

1 the trilateral statement of intent signed by all
2 three nations in 2018;

3 (C) multilateral interoperability between
4 Finland, Sweden, and all NATO partners, in-
5 cluding military activities described in clauses
6 (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (A); and

7 (D) countering disinformation campaigns
8 that seek to diminish the relevancy and cohe-
9 sion of NATO or otherwise undermine or delay
10 the collective accession process of NATO mem-
11 bers; and

12 (3) calls on all NATO members to take similar,
13 respective actions as provided in paragraph (2) to
14 further advance the interoperability of the militaries
15 of Finland and Sweden with NATO forces and bol-
16 ster European security, in conjunction with the
17 rapid completion of their respective ratification proc-
18 esses.

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