

**Forum:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**Question of:** Reacting to the Aggressive Behavior of the Russian Federation toward its Neighboring Countries

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1 The North Atlantic Treaty Organization,

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3 *Acknowledging* that Bulgaria is fully dependent on Russian gas and struggling to diversify  
4 and lower its dependence on the Kremlin in which 87% of the domestic gas consumption is  
5 covered by Russia's state-owned gas producer Gazprom,

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7 *Observing* that Russia has no incentive to stop its hostile actions which can be attributed to  
8 the fact that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Union are failing to come  
9 up with concrete deterring measures hence it does not feel a strong retaliation,

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11 *Fully alarmed* by the fact that Russian military is actively provoking the Baltic Republics,

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13 *Deeply concerned* with the disinformation campaigns conducted by Russia which are aimed  
14 at undermining trust in democratic institutions and civic cohesion as well as destabilizing  
15 state infrastructure, democratic processes and other key public services,

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17 *Noting with satisfaction* actions that are carried out by relevant NGOs and governmental or-  
18 ganizations upon the issue,

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20 *Congratulating* the United States of America and United Kingdom for leading the deterrent  
21 punishment for Russia's aggression while many countries - mainly in Western and Southern  
22 Europe - are hesitant to respond to Russia's aggressive behavior which poses a threat both  
23 on a national and international level,

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25 *Expecting* member states to work tandemly in order to react to Russia's behavior in an effi-  
26 cient and concrete manner,

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28 **1. Urges** member states to obtain exchange and publicize data about the Russian inter-  
29 ference, tactics and its reach thus informing the public about the Russian threat and  
30 acquiring adequate information to develop sound policies, in which Member states  
31 will:

32 a. establish investigative panels under their national parliaments to collect and  
33 publicize evidence of Moscow's disinformation and influence operations, in  
34 which:

35 i. each member state will be responsible for their own investigative pan-  
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37 ii. member states are not allowed to interfere with each other's investiga-  
38 tive process unless allowed to do so by the state itself,

39 iii. in case a member state demands help for the forming of the panel,  
40 third-party establishments such as the East StarCom Task Force will  
41 be authorized to provide support,

- 42                   b. jointly conduct targeted research to obtain data on which demographic groups  
43                   typically believe the Kremlin's disinformation narratives,  
44                   c. exchange the information that are obtained from such actions in the annual  
45                   meetings to enhance policies in order to be protected against Russian inter-  
46                   ference,  
47                   d. work tandemly with the European Union and relevant governmental and non-  
48                   governmental establishments such as the East StarCom Task Force, the Hy-  
49                   brid CoE, the EU Hybrid Fusion Cell and Kremlin Watch,  
50                   e. task their counterintelligence agencies to conduct comprehensive reports -  
51                   specifically about Russia's reach – that do not need to be public, but serve  
52                   governments to scale the level of infiltration of hostile influence into the na-  
53                   tional political arena;  
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- 55                   2. **Recommends** high level officials both in the member states and National Leagues to  
56                   explicitly recognize the aggression of the Kremlin in the political field in order to show  
57                   the Russian leadership that its subversive efforts will not be tolerated by any means;  
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- 59                   3. **Proposes** to establish a framework between NATO Centre of Excellence for Strate-  
60                   gic Communication and the EU East STRATCOM Task Force for the threat assess-  
61                   ment of disinformation campaigns conducted by Russia, during which:  
62                   a. policies will be developed against Russia's disinformation campaigns with the  
63                   shared knowledge,  
64                   b. joint trainings & awareness exercises for EU, NATO and national bureaucratic  
65                   & political staff will be conducted,  
66                   c. Press conferences will be held systematically to raise awareness of the im-  
67                   portance and urgency of the issue;  
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70                   could, in close cooperation with allied states, freeze the assets of the Russian state  
71                   and the transactions of selected individuals or institutions of the Russian Federation  
72                   in a matter of hours, if a strategic crisis were to emerge, in which:  
73                   a. the establishment of the Unit will be with the cooperation of Edward Lucas up-  
74                   on core aspects of the Unit, alongside their functionality and setting their  
75                   magnitude or further elaboration and/or crises,  
76                   b. the unit will be used if authorized by the majority of the states, if that is not the  
77                   case then regular legal tools will be used;  
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- 79                   5. **Further recommends** member states to establish legal frameworks which would  
80                   prohibit and punish non-transparent funding of activities of political parties or political  
81                   candidates thus preventing Kremlin's financial support to the pro-Russian parties in  
82                   order to destabilize the country;  
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- 84                   6. **Suggests** member states to form their own Disinformation Analysis Team free  
85                   from self-censorship which will be tasked to regularly follow media coverage and re-  
86                   act in real-time to developing disinformation cases that potentially poses a significant  
87                   threat to the public or to the national security, which will:  
88                   a. consist of trusted professionals from various different governmental and non-  
89                   governmental bodies to merge the expertise and mindsets of:  
90                   i. the Foreign Ministry,  
91                   ii. the Defense Ministry,



144 iv. and more to be agreed upon;

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146 **11. Encourages** countries to improve their cyber-security measures by:

147 a. allocating an adequate budget upon the matter and if necessary, provide fi-  
148 nancial support to the member states that requests it,

149 b. providing assistance to the member states whom are not sufficiently equipped  
150 with dealing such aforementioned measures, thus ensuring an environment  
151 for them to set up cyber-security measures, such measures will include, inter  
152 alia:

153 i. sufficiently trained personnel,

154 ii. technological support,

155 iii. financial support,

156 c. contributing countries have to be annually reconciled publicly by the organiza-  
157 tion itself;

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159 **12. Calls for** Russia to decrease their military presence within the territory of Ukraine and  
160 withdraw their support of the insurgent groups in Ukraine, in exchange for the cessa-  
161 tion of sanctions, in which:

162 a. NATO will decrease particular sanctions to begin a mutual relationship in  
163 which Russia would be expected to retreat an amount of their presence in the  
164 Donbass region within an agreed-upon time,

165 b. depending on the success in the Donbass region, more sanctions will be de-  
166 creased by NATO in exchange for further withdrawal,

167 c. same operations will be executed in the Crimean Peninsula, and later sum-  
168 mits will be held to discuss the future steps,

169 d. these operations will be monitored by Joint Intelligence, Surveillance and Re-  
170 connaissance (JISR), operations conducted in the Donbass region are trials  
171 which will be used to develop and implement better policies and plans;

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173 **13. Recommends** that the sanctions will be increased and doubled if necessary, in case  
174 Russia does not follow agreed terms between NATO and Russia, as long as NATO  
175 member countries do not get harmed by the aforementioned sanctioned;

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177 **14. Calls for** an annulment of all sanctions against Russia, if NATO agrees after a seven-  
178 year time frame that Russian behavior has changed for the better and has worked ac-  
179 tively with NATO;

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181 **15. Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.