

U.S. COMMITTEE TO EXPAND NATO

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The organization was created to promote the admission of certain Central European countries to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO"), thus enhancing the likelihood that such countries will develop democratic institutions and market economies. Specifically, the organization will advocate the expansion of NATO to include the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and certain other Central European democracies that the NATO allies may choose to invite to admission to NATO at the summit of the 16 NATO nations to be held by July 1997. The organization's objective is to promote the national security of the United States and the security of European countries, to reaffirm America's leadership role in NATO, and to achieve broad bipartisan political support for ratification by the U.S. Senate of a treaty expanding the NATO alliance.

To this end, the organization will organize American citizens who support the expansion of NATO. The individuals, in turn, will inform members of the U.S. Senate of the historic importance of the accession of additional Central European democracies into NATO. The organization will further recommend that members of the U.S. Senate approve this accession.

The organization will have a bipartisan Board of Directors of up to 15 persons, including the Democrats and Republicans who share the common commitment to the national security of the United States and the goal of expanding NATO. The Board will be composed of people respected for their intellectual and political leadership and also for their contributions to business, education, law, or cultural institutions. The organization will also organize a board of Senior Advisors to offer public support to the work of the organization, to meet with individual Senators, and to provide testimony at public hearings. The organization hopes to include in its board of Senior Advisors former Secretaries of State and Defense and former National Security Advisors, retired senior military officers, and prominent business leaders.

The organization will seek to arrange meetings between U.S. Senators and the organization's Senior Advisors to discuss the importance of NATO expansion and to provide research and issue papers responding to requests for information or specific concerns or questions. The organization will also facilitate meetings between U.S. Senators (and their staff members) and prominent Central Europeans who can address this issue from their perspective. Once the formal ratification debate actually begins, the organization anticipates continuing to provide support to individual Senators, to provide witnesses and testimony for public hearings, and to be a source of information for the media and the general public.

The organization will also organize small working groups of knowledgeable and experienced individuals to prepare issue papers and analyses of the substantive issues that will arise in the NATO expansion debate. It is anticipated that these issues will include the impact of NATO expansion on NATO's military effectiveness, the impact on the U.S. defense strategy, the costs involved, the effect on relations with Russia, and how to reassure those states that are not included in an expanded NATO.

Once at least two-thirds of the U.S. Senate has voted in favor of the accession to NATO of the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, and the Republic of Hungary, the organization's Board of Directors will consider a motion to dissolve the organization.

As of this date, the organization has carried on activities attendant to its incorporation and application for recognition of exemption from federal income tax. Specifically, the organization had recruited additional individuals (both Democrats and Republicans) to join the initial Board of Directors, has approached individuals to serve on its Senior Board of Advisors, and has entered into a sublease agreement with the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy, a Section 501 (c)(3) organization.