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Committee Resolution 301

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**Resolution on NATO Enlargement**

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The Assembly,

1. **Emphasising** the positive impact of the Alliance's last enlargement round for peace and stability in the whole Euro-Atlantic region;
2. **Applauding** the military and political contributions of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, NATO's newest members, to the Alliance's peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo;
3. **Welcoming** the efforts undertaken by NATO applicant countries to prepare for membership of the Alliance;
4. **Encouraging** applicant countries to continue their preparations and participate in existing programmes which help prepare to meet the criteria for membership;
5. **Welcoming** the further strengthening of the Alliance's outreach programmes by the Membership Action Plan (MAP);
6. **Applauding** the overwhelming success of NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme;
7. **Welcoming** the support of the Alliance and partner countries to the PfP;
8. **Recalling** firmly that continuity in our partnership with the Russian Federation and Ukraine is strengthening security and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area;
9. **Reaffirming** its strongest commitment to an undivided democratic Europe and to the completion of a Europe whole and free;
10. **URGES** member governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance:
  - a. to keep further NATO enlargement as one of the top priorities for the Alliance, and to consider seriously the possibility of inviting new members at the next NATO summit;
  - b. to further develop existing co-operation and outreach programmes, taking into consideration the interests and contributions of NATO's partner countries;
  - c. to help NATO applicant countries prepare for membership by all appropriate means of co-operation, in particular advice and

- assistance with defence sector reform and restructuring;
  - d. to continue and, where possible, increase support for the Alliance's outreach programmes, such as the MAP, as well as PfP and the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC);
  - e. to continue keeping Russia, as well as Ukraine, actively engaged in the creation of a stable Euro-Atlantic security network via, among others, the NATO-Russia Founding Act and the NATO-Ukraine Charter;
  - f. to actively engage Russia in a dialogue on the benefits of further enlargement for Russian as well as Euro-Atlantic security interests, and work actively towards adoption of joint initiatives on arms control, non-proliferation and counter-terrorism as outlined in the Founding Act;
11. **CALLS UPON** the North Atlantic Council to issue no later than during its Summit meeting in 2002 invitations to NATO accession negotiations to any European democracy that seeks membership in the Alliance and that has met the criteria for NATO membership as established in the Alliance's 1995 Study on NATO Enlargement.

