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The United States of America was one of the founding members of NATO when it was formed in 1949, and the first North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington D.C. We joined NATO because of our common concerns and beliefs with Western European Countries. The United States of America is highly committed to the partnership of cooperation in NATO, and will uphold all promises made within NATO with the best of their abilities. The United States of America has always remained one of the top contributors to NATO, and in 2020, our contributions equaled approximately 16.3% of the total budget which was approximately \$442 million¹. We strongly believe in the shared values we share with NATO members and NATO partner countries.

With the changing dynamics in the political and economical spheres in the world, we believe that the NATO 2022 Strategic Concept was highly needed to help manoeuvre through the changes in such a way that will benefit the NATO purpose and stabilise the present-day situation in the world. The United State of America also believes that the current state of affairs in the Indo-Pacific region should not be ignored, and the worldwide effects of activities on-going in the Indo-Pacific region should be taken into consideration. Two happenings that we believe should be given precedence in the committee sessions are the Russian Federation's war of aggression on Ukraine and China's totalitarian advances in the international market and security threats from China directed towards the Euro-Atlantic region.

We want a transatlantic strategy on China and decisions for decisive actions against the Russian Federation's acts of terror. The United States of America hopes that the countries present in the committee sessions engage in fruitful debates and discussions that lead to effective and possible solutions. We do realise that NATO does not hold any legal power over the countries in the Indo-Pacific region, and NATO can not directly shape the action plans of member countries, but we believe that NATO can be used for consultation in regard to these matters.

References:

¹ U.S. Contributions to NATO Budgets. (Mar 18, 2022) Available at:
<https://www.taxpayer.net/national-security/u-s-contributions-to-nato-budgets/>