

## POSITION PAPER



Country: Republic of Bulgaria

Committee: NATO



Our opinion as Bulgaria, on of NATO's most important tasks is to ensure peacekeeping in Europe. We are a reliable ally in maintaining regional peace. At the same, we are taking a firm and cautious stance against the increasing security threats in Black Sea region. We past actions, we have sent troops to the "ISAF" mission in Afghanistan, participated in exercises in the Black Sea region, and hosted the NFIU. We also joined the KFOR force in Kosovo. We continue to cooperate with the NATO Cyber Defense Center today. We are active in issues such as cybersecurity, hybrid threats and energy security. As Bulgaria, we maintain a defense budget and the principle of collective security. We cooperate closely with Romania, Turkey and Greece with in NATO. As Bulgaria, we advocate for smaller countries to have an equal voice with in NATO. So, we do not view NATO solely as a military organization; we prioritize cooperation to ensure regional stability and strengthen defense efforts, adhering to the principles of diplomacy and shared values. As Bulgaria, we contribute to crisis management and collective defense policies with in NATO. We conduct national preparations and exercises to combat cyber threats. In other words, we participate in military operations and contribute to cyber and diplomatic cooperation. So, we are active member of NATO.

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