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Statement of National Goals for the National Press

The Kingdom of Belgium recognizes this time to be a period of historic transition for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as the East-West conflict is easing and the Berlin Wall has recently fallen.

The Kingdom of Belgium's main objective is to ensure that NATO maintains unity and stability within the alliance, as well as sustainable dialogue with the East. During this time of transition, Belgium highlights the significance of maintaining our common principles and a strong cooperation. We further emphasize that finding the balance between our defensive nature and adapting to a more peaceful, stable environment for all is essential.

Belgium expects reasonable and responsible decision-making by the other member states, as well as an effort to maintain NATO's relations with the East in a peaceful manner. Moreover, a commitment to long-term stability and willingness to become more cooperative with other countries is expected from the Kingdom of Belgium.

During this period of adaptation and tightening relations, Belgium is strongly willing to benefit NATO by supporting dialogue and negotiations with the East, as well as contributing to strengthen the organization's political role. Lastly, without question, we ensure to stay committed to NATO and its values.

This phase of adaptation brings new responsibilities for all of NATO. The Kingdom of Belgium is willing to take its part to support the alliance's unity and peaceful and diplomatic relations. Introducing principles such as stability and peace to a mainly military organization will create new opportunities and only increase NATO's political role in the world.

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