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North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Map

Map of all NATO members and the dates of their accession to the Alliance



Source: <https://nwegeo.com/europe-map-nato-member-states-with-years-of-accession/>



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The Guide for Panellists

National/Opening Statements

Duration: 2-3 minutes

- All **Panellists** deliver their **national/opening statements** on either the briefing day or the first day of the conference.
- National/Opening statements should address points including:
 - The progress made by the state the panellist represents on each of the issues,
 - The stance of the delegation on each of the issues,
 - The background of the panellist's delegation,
 - The importance of the representation of the panellist's delegation in the NATO Summit

Lobbying

Total Duration: First Round, 6 hours; Second Round, 2 hours; Third Round, 1 hour.

- The goal of lobbying is to “reach a consensus on a set of clauses as a forum.”
- Since the aim of NATO is to adopt a joint proposal by consensus, effective lobbying is crucial.

Procedures for Lobbying:

- The NATO will lobby on the sub-questions separately.
- There will be three rounds of talks on the proposal as a whole. Every round will consist of a lobbying and plenary session. After each plenary session, further lobbying time will be allowed to enable parties to reach consensus. Tabled clauses may also be re-considered to reach an agreement during this time.
- Panellists merge clauses in small groups, but there are no “*merging groups*” that may potentially oppose one another during debate; hence, there is no “*co-submitter signature form*.” However, the formation of informal sub-groups consisting of states with similar views to accelerate the process of lobbying is encouraged.
- There is no “*main-submitter*” in the NATO. However, there is a “*submitter of a clause*,” who is the panellist submitting the clause to the Presidency.
- The “*submitter of a clause*” is the first speaker during the debate of the particular clause during sessions.
- Panellists do not go through the Approval Panel, but submit the clauses directly to the Presidency. The Presidents approve the clauses after checking for grammar mistakes, formatting errors and plagiarism. Panellists' clauses must receive the President's approval in order for them to be debated during sessions.
- The President may grant lobbying time before the Plenary Session on the entire recommendation, if it is necessary.

❖ **NOTE:**

- Before coming to the conference, Panellists prepare a number of clauses. These clauses then get merged and debated into a recommendation.
- **Lobbying is the most crucial part of the NATO Summit. The aim of the Forum is to reach *consensus***, and apart from other forums, the NATO Summit emphasises on lobbying as much as debating. Lobbying is not a preparation phase for debating, it is the time that all Panellists are encouraged to actively lobby and merge their clauses with other Panellists.
- Operative verbs that a panellist **can use** (bolded) and *cannot use* (italicised) are as follows:

<i>Accepts</i>	Calls for	<i>Designates</i>	Hopes	Requests	Supports
Advises	Calls upon	Encourages	Invites	<i>Resolves</i>	Trusts
<i>Affirms</i>	Congratulates	<i>Endorses</i>	<i>Proclaims</i>	Seeks	Transmits
<i>Approves</i>	<i>Confirms</i>	Expresses its satisfaction	Proposes	<i>Strongly affirms</i>	Urges
<i>Asks</i>	<i>Declares accordingly</i>	Expresses its hope	Recommends	Strongly urges	
<i>Authorises</i>	<i>Deplores</i>	Further recommends	Regrets	Suggests	

Proposal and Joint Communiqué

- A joint communiqué is the final document produced by the NATO Summit. The president and his deputy-presidents of NATO will edit this proposal following the conference and create a joint communiqué.
- The aim of the NATO Summit is to adopt a joint proposal by consensus.
- NATO produces one final joint communiqué by the end of the conference, which consists of preamble and operative clauses grouped under four headings (one for each issue).
- Once a final joint proposal is produced through debates, NATO holds a final vote. The President and their deputy-presidents of the NATO are responsible for editing the final draft of the joint communiqué in such a fashion that it is presentable for the THIMUN Hague Reports Book. The communiqué is to include an ending section, which refers to the future aims and meetings of NATO. Complete sentences may be used in the communiqué text.

Rules of Procedure

Plenary Sessions

Total Duration

- First Round, 9 hours; Second Round, 3 hours; Final Round, 1 hour.

Procedures for Debate

- Debate is conducted in clause-by-clause, closed debate format.
- After taking the floor, a speaker must choose among:
 - Yielding the floor back to the presidents,
 - Yielding the floor to another Panellist,
 - Answering points of information from the House.

❖ **NOTE:**

- This means that Panellists are **not** allowed to yield the floor to another panellist after having answered points of information from the House.

- Follow-ups are allowed in NATO, but they are to be granted at the Presidents' discretion.

Procedures for Amendments:

- Amendments are conducted in a closed debate format.
- The Panellists may submit new clauses as amendments after all clauses submitted during lobbying are debated.
- When an amendment fails, the submitter does not retain the floor.
- NATO adopts amendments by consensus. Voting procedures for amendments is the same with that of clauses. See "Procedures for Voting".

Procedures for Voting:

- When voting on clauses, Panellists may vote for, against, or abstain; no Panellist holds the veto power.
- NATO adopts clauses by consensus. If a panellist is going to vote against or abstain, the panellist **must** object to moving into the voting procedures. The President holds the power to cancel lobbying procedures if a panellist votes against a clause without objecting to moving into the voting procedures.
- If a Panellist votes against or abstains, the clause under consideration will be tabled by the President. Panellists may move a motion to reconsider a tabled clause at any point in the debate. Panellists may withdraw clauses at any time except for during voting procedures.
- The President may declare that the clause under consideration will be adopted with a simple majority if present in the house, only when essential for the debate.

❖NOTE:

- Voting procedures for motions follow the rules outlined in the THIMUN Rules of Procedure.

Miscellaneous

Note-passing

- Note passing between Panellists is allowed during the sessions.
- Note passing is done through the members of administrative staff; all notes from panellists are screened. However, notes from/to the President will not be screened.
- The President may suspend note passing if they feel that it detracts from debate.
- Note passing is also suspended during any form of voting.

Other points

- Mobile phones must be switched off during sessions.
- Active Laptops are permitted during debate. However, the administrative staff will be screening laptop screens to ensure Panellists remain focused.
- Any act that will interrupt the debate is out of order.
- Eating and drinking during debate is out of order. Water is an exception.

Dress Code:

- All male Panellists should wear their ties and blazers at all times; female Panellists may use their discretion to dress appropriately, formally and professionally.

Plagiarism:

- President and deputy presidents check clauses for plagiarism after they have been submitted. The restatement and/or copying of previous MUN and UN resolutions are considered plagiarism. Operative clauses found to be plagiarised will not be debated.

Schedule for the NATO Summit

Day 0		
Monday, January 27, 2025	15:00~17:00	<u>Ad hoc Meeting</u> - Presentation on by the President - Opening speeches
Day 1		
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	09:00-09:30	Resume Opening Speeches
	09:30-11:30	First Round of Lobbying on Issue 1 “ <i>Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats</i> ”
	11:30-Lunch	First Round of Debate on Issue 1 “ <i>Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats</i> ”
	11:30-14:00	Lunch Available (time to be confirmed)
	Lunch-14:45	Follow-up First Round of Debate on Issue 1 “ <i>Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats</i> ”
	14:45-15:45	First Round of Lobbying on Issue 2 “The situation in the Black Sea region (sea and neighbouring countries)”
	16:00-17:00	Official Opening Ceremony
Day 2		
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	09:00-10:00	Resume First Round of Lobbying on Issue 2 “The situation in the Black Sea region (sea and neighbouring countries)”
	10:00-Lunch	First Round of Debate on Issue 2 “The situation in the Black Sea region (sea and neighbouring countries)”
	11:30-14:00	Lunch Available (time to be confirmed)
	Lunch-15:30	First Round of Lobbying on Issue 3 “ <i>Adapting NATO to a world of strategic competition</i> ”
	15:30-17:00	First Round of Debate on Issue 3 “ <i>Adapting NATO to a world of strategic competition</i> ”
Day 3		
Thursday, January 30, 2025	09:00-10:00	Second Round of Lobbying on Issue 1 “ <i>Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats</i> ”
	10:00-Lunch	Second Round of Debate on Issue 1 “ <i>Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats</i> ”
	11:30-14:00	Lunch Available (time to be confirmed)
	Lunch-15:00	Second Round of Lobbying on Issue 2 “The situation in the Black Sea region (sea and neighbouring countries)”
	15:00-16:15	Second Round of Debate on Issue 2 “The situation in the Black Sea region (sea and neighbouring countries)”
	16:15-17:00	Second Round of Lobbying on Issue 3 “ <i>Adapting NATO to a world of strategic competition</i> ”
Day 4		
Friday, January 31, 2025	09:00-10:00	Second Round of Debate on Issue 3 “ <i>Adapting NATO to a world of strategic competition</i> ”

	10:00-11:00	Third Round of Lobbying on all three agenda issues
	11:00-Lunch	Third Round of Debate on all three agenda issues
	11:30-14:00	Lunch Available (time to be confirmed)
	Lunch-14:45	Final Round of Lobbying on the joint proposal as a whole
	14:45-15:45	Final Round of Debate on the joint proposal as a whole.

❖ Schedule may be subjected to change without prior notice.

Ministers, please note that the Commission will have a guest speaker on Wednesday, January 29th, the exact time is still being decided upon but the student officers will let you know beforehand.

Issues on Debate

- Strengthening resilience against cyber and hybrid threats.
- The situation in the Black Sea (and neighbouring countries).
- Adapting NATO to a world of strategic competition.

List of Panellists

Albania	Kozina, Stefan	International French School Singapore
Belgium	Hotaranu, Matei	American Int. School Bucharest
Bulgaria	Benedek, Csaba	Leysin American School
Canada	Erdem, Asli	Üsküdar American Academy
Croatia	de Caetano Leal, Cecilia	Int. School of the Basel Region AG
Czechia	McLelland, Emilia	Bede's Senior School
Denmark	Simav, Bilge	Robert College
Estonia	Uysal, Serra Berrin	Üsküdar American Academy
Finland	Castelnuovo, Hippolyte	Lycée français Vincent van Gogh
France	Zorzolan, Albert	American Int. School of Bucharest
Germany	Horasanli, Defne	Üsküdar American Academy
Greece	Bazoche, Romain	Lycée français Vincent van Gogh
Hungary	Hutter, Theodor	Frankfurt International School
Iceland	Grantham, Avery	John Burroughs School
Italy	Shah, Nicholas	La Jolla Country Day School
Latvia	Noel Ginsburg	American Int. School of Bucharest
Lithuania	Weber, Ailin	Frankfurt International School
Luxembourg	Gontzes, Nikiforos	Am. Community School of Athens
Montenegro	Duann, Elsie	Pacific American School

Netherlands	Bartos, Laney	American School of Madrid
North Macedonia	Depaix, Adrien	Lycée français Vincent van Gogh
Norway	Anderson, Jake	Park Tudor School
Poland	Mutlu, Umut	Robert College
Portugal	Mens, Abe	Lycée français Vincent van Gogh
Romania	Wilder, Eamon	Frankfurt International School
Slovakia	Aktas, Efe Oguz	Üsküdar American Academy
Slovenia	Hagins, Claire	American School of Madrid
Spain	Wang, Emily	Park Tudor School
Sweden	Smith, Aleksander	Frankfurt International School
Türkiye	Wolfe, Alfredo	Palmer Trinity School
UK	Irvine, Miles	Am. Overseas School of Rome
USA	Yıldırım, Burak	Robert College

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