

Communiqué 1.1: NATO Modernization Fund

Sponsors: Czech Republic, UK, Greece, Romania, Netherlands, USA, Turkey,

Croatia, Poland

Signatories: Portugal, Bulgaria, Spain, Norway, Germany, Latvia, Hungary, Canada, Estonia, Slovakia, Albania, Lithuania, Belgium

Preamble:

We, the members of this Alliance,

Recognizing the need to share a common basis in military equipment between NATO members to enhance cohesive actions in military defense and to provide a sufficient military base for the Alliance,

Reaffirming an urgent need to aid members in reaching the standards set by the NATO Standardization Agreement,

Reinforcing the importance of the Enhanced Forward Presence (eFP), Tailored Forward Presence (tFP), and the NATO Readiness Force and the role these formations play in the security of Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, and the Alliance as a whole,

Operative:

We, the members of the North Atlantic Council:

1. *Commit* to the establishment of the NATO Modernization Fund (NATO-MF) by:
 1. Establishing the NATO-MF as an agency of the NATO Procurement and Support Organization charged with collecting and distributing funds provided by Alliance member states to other member states that require funding for the purpose of bringing all NATO militaries to the minimum NATO Standards of interoperability;
 2. Urging any Alliance member states to voluntarily contribute funds as they desire to the NATO-MF on an annual basis;
 3. Requiring that any Alliance state that desires to pursue modernization submit an application for funding for specific national procurement programs that must meet the standards of the NATO Standardization Agreements in order to receive funding from the NATO Modernization Fund.