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PROTOCOLS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OF 1949 ON THE ACCESSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the
Kingdom of Sweden



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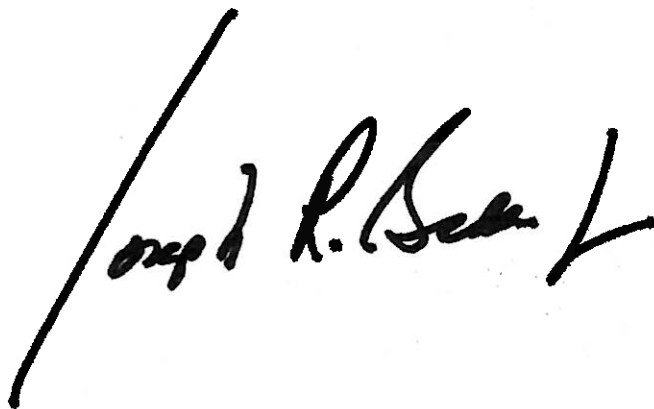
TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (the "Protocols"). The Protocols were signed in Brussels on July 5, 2022, on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is an overview of the Protocols by the Department of State. Full ratification of the Protocols will allow Finland and Sweden to become Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which outlines NATO's Open Door policy, is part of the doctrinal foundation of the Alliance. It states that Allies may, by unanimous consent, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of the Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede. As further explained in the reports on the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO, transmitted to the Congress on May 19 and July 1, 2022, in light of section 3(2)(E) of the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic of April 30, 1998, Finland and Sweden more than meet these qualifications. They will be net contributors to the Alliance, in both capabilities and resources, and they share critically important values with the United States. Finland's and Sweden's accession will help further United States priorities within NATO.

I ask the Senate to continue working with my Administration in advancing a strong and free Europe by providing its prompt

advice and consent to ratification of the Protocols. We are encouraging all Allies to act expeditiously in their own ratification processes as well, given current global considerations. My Administration stands ready to brief and assist you in your deliberations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Biden". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. A long, thin diagonal line extends from the top left of the signature down towards the bottom left of the page.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

July 11, 2022.



THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 2022

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

I have the honor to submit to you, with a view to its transmittal to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification, the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (“Protocols”). A brief Overview of the Protocols is also enclosed. The Protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on July 5, 2022, and were signed that day on behalf of the United States of America and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The Protocols propose allowing Finland and Sweden to become parties to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949, which would make them members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with all the privileges and responsibilities that apply to current NATO Allies. The core commitment to Finland and Sweden will be embodied in the existing text of the North Atlantic Treaty, including the central collective defense provision in Article 5. I believe Finland and Sweden merit this commitment on our part, that they share our common commitment to democratic values, and are prepared to act as responsible Allies.

The President,

The White House.

Finland and Sweden will be net contributors to the Alliance, and it is in the national interest of the United States to support them strongly and publicly. They are vibrant democracies and capable military partners. Their foreign policies are underpinned by a commitment to the rules-based international system, human rights, democracy, peace, freedom, and equality in all international activities. Their commitment to the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty, location on the Baltic Sea, dynamic economies, military strength and interoperability, proven record of contributing to NATO operations, historical experience with Russia, and High North capabilities will make them assets to the Alliance.

The accession of Finland and Sweden to the North Atlantic Treaty and their membership in the NATO Alliance will advance U.S. priorities within the organization and across the region. I therefore request that the Senate grant its advice and consent to ratification of these Protocols, after due deliberation, without hesitation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antony Blinken". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Enclosures: As stated.

OVERVIEW

The Protocols are composed of three Articles and are identical in structure to prior Protocols providing for other states to join NATO. Article I provides that, once the Protocols have entered into force, the Secretary General of NATO shall extend an invitation to Finland and Sweden to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty, and that, in accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, they shall become Parties to the Treaty on the date they deposit their instruments of accession with the Government of the United States of America. Article II provides that the Protocols shall enter into force when each of the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty has notified the Government of the United States of America of its acceptance of the Protocols. Article III provides that the English and French texts shall be equally authentic, and that the Protocols shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the United States of America, the depositary state for the North Atlantic Treaty.

**PROTOCOL
TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
ON THE ACCESSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND**

**PROTOCOLE
AU TRAITÉ DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
SUR L'ACCESSION DE
LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE FINLANDE**

ATLANTIC TREATY
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N E T O

The Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington on April 4, 1949,

Being satisfied that the security of the North Atlantic area will be enhanced by the accession of the Republic of Finland to that Treaty,

Agree as follows:



Article I

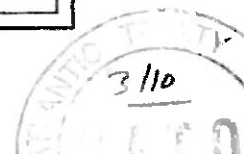
Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation shall, on behalf of all the Parties, communicate to the Government of the Republic of Finland an invitation to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty. In accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, the Republic of Finland shall become a Party on the date when it deposits its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America.

Article II

The present Protocol shall enter into force when each of the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty has notified the Government of the United States of America of its acceptance thereof. The Government of the United States of America shall inform all the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty of the date of receipt of each such notification and of the date of the entry into force of the present Protocol.

Article III

The present Protocol, of which the English and French texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the United States of America. Duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by that Government to the Governments of all the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.



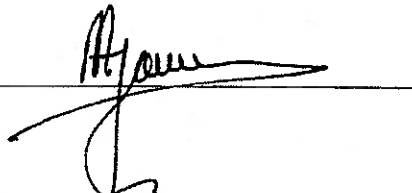
In witness whereof, the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol.

Signed at Brussels on the 5th day of July 2022.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires désignés ci-dessous ont signé le présent Protocole.

Signé à Bruxelles le 5 juillet 2022.

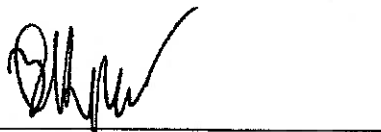
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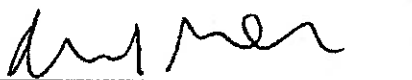
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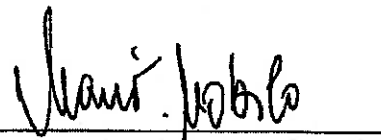
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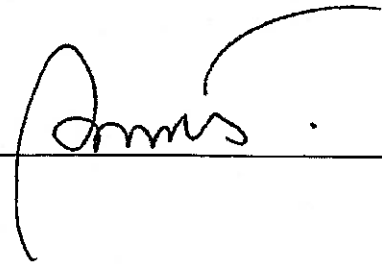
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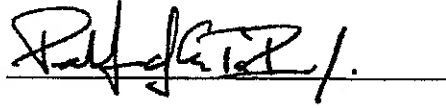
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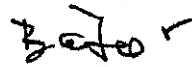
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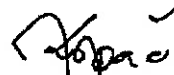
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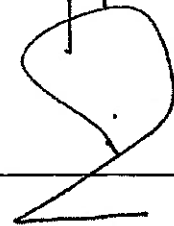
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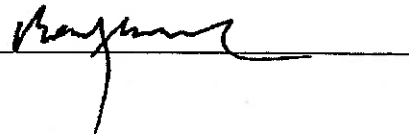
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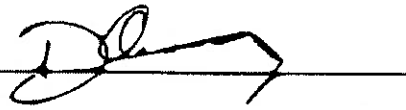


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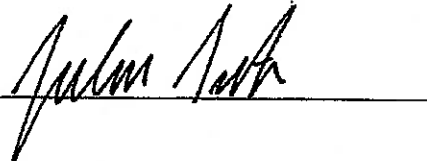


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Brussels, 5 July 2022
Bruxelles, 5 July 2022



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ON THE ACCESSION OF
THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**

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AU TRAITÉ DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
SUR L'ACCESSION DU
ROYAUME DE SUÈDE**

The Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington on April 4, 1949,

Being satisfied that the security of the North Atlantic area will be enhanced by the accession of the Kingdom of Sweden to that Treaty,

Agree as follows:

ATLANTIC TREATY
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1949

Article I

Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation shall, on behalf of all the Parties, communicate to the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden an invitation to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty. In accordance with Article 10 of the Treaty, the Kingdom of Sweden shall become a Party on the date when it deposits its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America.

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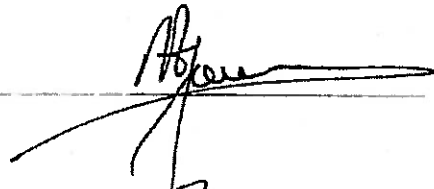
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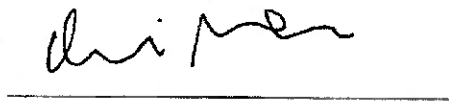
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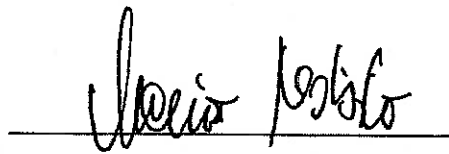
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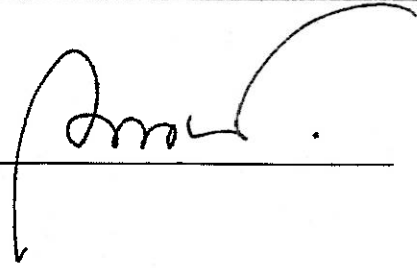
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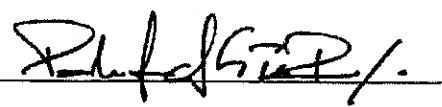
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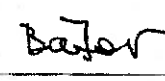
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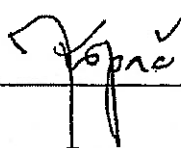
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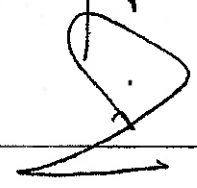
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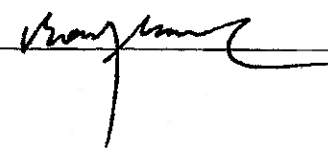
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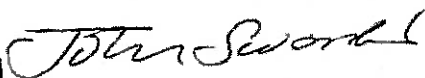
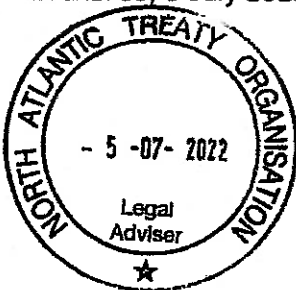
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