

Country: Belgium

Committee: North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Agenda Item 1: Nuclear Deterrence and Energy Security

Country's Stance on the Topic

Belgium, as a responsible member of the international community, recognizes the critical importance of both nuclear deterrence and energy security. Our position is guided by the following principles:

1. Nuclear Deterrence:

- Belgium recognizes the need of nuclear deterrence in preserving world peace and preventing major wars. We do, however, recognize the importance of nuclear disarmament and disarmament initiatives.
- We support the progressive reduction of nuclear weapons and the promotion of communication among governments possessing nuclear weapons in order to improve transparency.

2. Energy Security:

- In order to promote sustainable development and economic expansion, Belgium places a high priority on energy security.
- We support diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy, to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and enhance resilience against supply disruptions.
- To effectively handle energy concerns, cooperation at the regional and global levels is essential.

Country's Relation to the Topic

1. Nuclear Deterrence:

- Belgium is a non-nuclear-weapon state under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). We host NATO's nuclear sharing arrangements, which involve U.S. nuclear weapons stationed on our lands.
- While we fulfill our NATO commitments, we advocate for transparency and dialogue regarding these arrangements.
- Belgium actively participates in disarmament forums and supports initiatives such as the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

2. Energy Security:

- Belgium has made significant strides in diversifying its energy mix. We prioritize renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, and hydropower.
- Our commitment to the Paris Agreement emphasizes our dedication to combat climate change and promote sustainable energy practices.
- We collaborate with neighboring countries to enhance cross-border energy infrastructure and ensure reliable energy supply.

Belgium remains committed to fostering a safer world through responsible nuclear policies and sustainable energy practices. We look forward to constructive discussions and collaborative solutions during this conference.

Agenda Item 2: Enhancing Cohesion: Addressing Military Duality within the European Union

Country's Stance on the Topic

Belgium, as a member of both NATO and the EU recognizes the importance of the cooperation between the two organisations. Our position about the topic is the following principles:

1. Our Position in NATO:

- Belgium is one of the 12 founding members of NATO ,when it was found in 4 April 1949, and has a big impact on the decisions made by NATO and the member countries.
- Belgium understands the importance of being a founding member of NATO and wishes to help every country that wants to cooperate with the organisation.

2. Our Position in the EU:

- Belgium, also being a founding member of the EU is an active participant in the EU meetings and the decisions and reolutions that are discussed in the EU.
- Belgium also understands how important it is to be a founding member of the EU. And wants to help those who favor cooperation with the EU.

Belgium understands the importance of playing a significant role for the cooperation between NATO and the EU as it is a founding member of both. Belgium seeks cooperation between the two alliances to ensure a better future.