

Country: Iceland

Committee: NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

Agenda Item: Potential NATO Measures to Counter the Growing Danger Posed by the Eastern Bloc



Iceland is one of the founding members of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) which is a Nordic island country located in the North Atlantic Ocean, on the edge of the Arctic



Circle. The capital city is called Reykjavík. It is a neutral country and it wasn't a part of World War 2. The country gained full independence from Denmark in 1944, during World War II. It is the only NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member without an army. Iceland ranks highly for gender equality, freedom of speech, and progressive social policies. Literacy, longevity, and social cohesion are first-rate by world standards. Settled by Norwegian and Celtic (Scottish and Irish) immigrants during the late 9th and 10th centuries A.D., Iceland boasts the world's oldest functioning legislative assembly, the Althingi, which was established in 930. The country is known for its dramatic landscapes, including volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, lava fields, glaciers, and waterfalls. Due to its geographical location, its economy is primarily driven by fishing industry.

The growing danger caused by the Eastern Bloc, also known as the Communist Bloc, is a vital topic for NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and is a threat for the stability and security of the organization. While NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a military alliance which aspires collective security and defense, while BRICS on the other hand, which is strongly related with Eastern Bloc countries, is based on economic cooperation, sovereignty, and supportation of the multi-polarity of the world. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) must take an integrated and strategic approach to intervene in these threats while sticking to its core principles of collective defense, peace, and stability.

As a founding NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member, Iceland is deeply committed to the alliance's values and strategies. Despite its lack of a standing military, Iceland's geographic position in the North Atlantic plays a significant role in NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) operations, especially the ones regarding surveillance, intelligence sharing, and logistical support. As an Arctic nation, Iceland is especially concerned about the militarization of the Arctic by Eastern Bloc states and supports measures to protect this strategically critical region.

From the Iceland's standpoint, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) could take the following potential actions:

- Taking steps to resolve potential disputes through diplomatic means without resorting to conflict and pursuing diplomatic measures to reduce tensions with the Eastern Bloc.
- Facilitating dialogue with Eastern Bloc nations and BRICS members to reduce tensions.
- Strengthening NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) intelligence and surveillance capabilities in key areas, including the Arctic and North Atlantic to counter potential Eastern Bloc threats, including Russian naval operations.
- Emphasizing the importance of maintaining unity among NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) members.
- Adhering to principles of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) to make a stand against Eastern Bloc.
- Making the right, strategic moves regarding Russia- Ukraine War.
- Pursuing and alleviating the strategic and economic influence of BRICS nations, particularly their cooperation with Russia in areas such as energy and trade.
- Addressing the issue of economic cooperation and precautions.

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