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UNITED STATES WITHDRAWAL FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

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This campaign discussion draft establishes the policy of the United States to withdraw from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and directs the executive branch to prepare and pursue the legally required withdrawal process, including congressional authorization required by current federal law and preparation of notice under Article 13 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy.

It is the policy of my Administration to end United States membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) through the process authorized by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty, while protecting the national security of the United States and providing for an orderly transition of defense, diplomatic, intelligence, and military arrangements.

Sec. 2. Preparation for Withdrawal.

- (a) The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall immediately prepare all diplomatic, legal, and administrative instruments necessary for withdrawal of the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall prepare the notice contemplated by Article 13 of the North Atlantic Treaty for Presidential approval and transmission when the domestic legal requirements for withdrawal have been satisfied.
- (c) The Secretary of State shall identify all treaty, diplomatic, basing, status-of-forces, and related international arrangements materially affected by withdrawal and recommend appropriate action concerning each.

Sec. 3. Congressional Authorization.

- (a) The Secretary of State, White House Counsel, and other appropriate officials shall prepare proposed legislation requesting congressional authorization for withdrawal consistent with 22 U.S.C. § 1928f.
- (b) The Administration shall promptly transmit that proposal to Congress and request expedited consideration.
- (c) Nothing in this order shall be construed as declaring that the statutory requirements governing withdrawal have already been satisfied.

Sec. 4. Department of Defense Review.

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct an immediate review of United States forces, commands, personnel, installations, logistics arrangements, prepositioned equipment, funding commitments, operational plans, and other military activities connected to NATO. Within 30 days, the Secretary shall provide the President recommendations for an orderly transition that preserves United States homeland defense, nuclear deterrence, force protection, and other essential national-security capabilities.

Sec. 5. NATO Command Structure.

The Secretary of Defense shall identify United States personnel serving within NATO command structures and develop options for their orderly reassignment or withdrawal following satisfaction of applicable legal and diplomatic requirements. No action under this section shall unnecessarily impair the safety of United States forces or ongoing operations during the transition.

Sec. 6. Funding and Common Budgets.

The Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall identify United States financial contributions to NATO common funding, programs, facilities, agencies, and activities and recommend which commitments should be discontinued, reduced, completed, or otherwise addressed consistent with existing legal obligations and the withdrawal process.

Sec. 7. European Force Posture.

The Secretary of Defense shall separately evaluate the future posture of United States forces in Europe based exclusively on the national interests and security requirements of the United States. Withdrawal from NATO shall not, by itself, require the immediate removal of every United States military member from Europe where another lawful bilateral or national-security basis for deployment exists.

Sec. 8. Bilateral Relationships.

The Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense shall identify bilateral defense, security, intelligence, trade, and diplomatic relationships with individual NATO members that the United States may wish to preserve independently of NATO membership and

shall submit recommendations to the President.

Sec. 9. Intelligence and National Security Continuity.

The Director of National Intelligence, Secretary of Defense, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and other appropriate officials shall ensure that the withdrawal process does not create avoidable intelligence, counterterrorism, cyber-defense, early-warning, or homeland-security gaps. They shall identify arrangements that may require renegotiation or replacement.

Sec. 10. Article 13 Notice.

Upon satisfaction of the applicable domestic legal requirements, the Secretary of State shall, at the direction of the President, transmit the United States notice of denunciation under Article 13 of the North Atlantic Treaty to the Government of the United States of America in its capacity as the treaty depositary and take all further diplomatic actions required to effect withdrawal following the treaty's one-year notice period.

Sec. 11. Transition Plan.

Within 60 days of this order, the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit a comprehensive NATO Withdrawal and Transition Plan to the President addressing diplomacy, defense posture, personnel, commands, installations, intelligence, logistics, procurement, financial obligations, treaty relationships, and continuity of United States national security.

Sec. 12. Communications With Allies.

The Secretary of State shall establish an orderly diplomatic process for communicating United States policy to NATO members and other affected partners, with the objective of reducing strategic uncertainty, protecting United States interests, and preventing unnecessary military or diplomatic instability during the withdrawal process.

Sec. 13. No New Long-Term Commitments Inconsistent With Policy.

To the maximum extent permitted by law and consistent with existing binding obligations, executive departments and agencies shall avoid undertaking new discretionary long-term NATO-specific commitments that would materially frustrate the withdrawal policy established by this order, unless the President determines that such a commitment is required by the national interest.

Sec. 14. General Provisions.

- (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect authority granted by law to an executive department or agency or its head.
- (b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.
- (c) Nothing in this order independently terminates the North Atlantic Treaty before completion of the legally required withdrawal process.
- (d) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity against the United States or any person.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Date of issuance: _____