

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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**STATEMENT  
ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA IN  
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and the Committee on National Security and Defence of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,  
*marking* the 21st anniversary of Lithuania's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (hereinafter: 'the NATO') and *emphasising* that, upon joining the strongest defensive Alliance on 29 March 2004, Lithuania has not only enhanced its national security but also has committed to upholding NATO's collective defence, common democratic values, and the principles of unity and solidarity of its members,

*being aware* of the challenges posed by geopolitical shifts in the world and the region, as well as the threats to the longstanding security architecture of Western democracies based on multilateralism, of which Lithuania is an integral part, and to international law and the rule of law as a basis for coexistence amongst states,

**stress** that Lithuania's responsible and active membership in NATO is a long-term strategic goal that ensures the future of our country and contributes to overall security of Europe and the world, and that transatlantic relations are an integral and indispensable part of our national security and foreign policy;  
**underscore** that a strong and united NATO is built on transatlantic relations grounded in mutual trust and solidarity, which remain a fundamental guarantee of security not only for Lithuania but also for Europe as a whole; therefore, constructive cooperation with the United States and other NATO allies on both political and military matters is a crucial factor in ensuring the security and stability of our region and the world;

**note** that through its activities in NATO Lithuania is actively contributing to strengthening the Alliance by allocating the necessary funding for deterrence capabilities and defence, and by committing to increase that funding to 5–6% of GDP for the period 2026–2030;

**reiterates** Lithuania's determination to fully support Ukraine, which is fighting against Russia's aggression and for its statehood, democratic values, and a world order based on the rule of law, and to provide military, economic, financial, and political assistance, including a commitment to the NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine;

**reaffirm** its support for NATO's open door policy and Ukraine's invitation to NATO as the only real security guarantee for Ukraine and for the future of a free, peaceful, democratic and indivisible Europe;

**note** that Lithuania, in supporting NATO's transformation in response to new threats and security challenges, such as cyber threats, hybrid attacks and geopolitical tensions, will continue to actively participate in NATO initiatives and missions with a view to strengthening the Alliance's effectiveness and preparedness;

**emphasise** the need for full and swift implementation of the decisions taken at the NATO Summit in Madrid, Vilnius and Washington regarding the strengthening of deterrence and defence, including the containment of Russia as an imminent and lasting threat to the security of the Alliance;

**point out** that public trust in NATO and the maintenance of such trust are crucial to ensuring the long-term and sustainable effectiveness of the Alliance and to maintaining and strengthening transatlantic relations;

**declare** that Lithuania, as a responsible NATO member country, is committed not only to supporting collective defence, but also to defending and developing democratic values which underpin our country and the Alliance as a whole;

**stress** that Lithuania will continue to be an NATO member country, which will contribute by its decisions and actions to the unity and effective functioning of NATO and will demonstrate, not only through financial means but also by its own example, that the development of the state based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law is a guarantee of security and prosperity;

**call on** the members of the Alliance to urgently allocate defence funding commensurate with security threats and ensuring an effective NATO deterrence and defence policy, amounting to at least 3.5% of GDP, and to confirm this at the 2025 NATO Summit in The Hague, and **urge** national parliaments to support the national decisions necessary for sustainable defence financing, thus strengthening the Alliance as a whole;

**commit itself to** working together with NATO allies and partners through parliamentary diplomacy and to strengthening transatlantic relations in order to ensure peace and stability in our region and the world.

Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
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