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Topic

Topic: Addressing Unauthorized Russian Drone Incursion into NATO Member States' Airspace.

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Introduction to the chairs

Welcome honorable delegates, my name is Sylvia Yael Valadez Hernández and I will be your president of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization committee. We will be addressing the problematic of Unauthorized Russian Drone Incursions into NATO Member States' Airspace. If you have any questions about anything please feel free to contact me via email; sylvia.valadez@bab.edu.mx

Hello delegates, I am Valeria Viñas Caballero and I will be having the pleasure of being your moderator in the committee of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). If you have any issues regarding the committee please feel free to contact me via email: valeria.vinas@bab.edu.mx

Greetings delegates, my name is Renée Marines Turcato and It will be my pleasure to be your conference officer in the committee of The North Atlantic Treaty Organization. If you have any questions regarding the committee or topic feel free to contact me via email; renee.marines@bab.edu.mx

Introduction to the committee

- NATO was established on April 4th, 1949 in Washington D.C., USA by the signing of an agreement called “The Washington Treaty” or “ The North Atlantic Treaty". NATO is a security alliance of 32 countries from North America and Europe. Its main purpose is to provide freedom and security to Allies by political and military means. Its structure includes three principal committees: Nuclear Planning Group, Military Committee and North Atlantic Council.

The countries involved in NATO committed to mutual defense in the event of an armed attack against any one of them. This means that in case of an attack on any member, the other members are obligated to intervene. This with the purpose to provide freedom and security to the allies using political, and if necessary, military sources. One of the most relevant topics in NATO is that this alliance is a framework in which members communicate and make decisions. It covers diverse fields such as political, military, and technical issues. Some limitations could be the process of addressing solutions with the delegations making it difficult to make urgent decisions. Also if one or more countries oppose the proposal, the decision process could be halted, referring the issue back to NATO.

The relevance to the topic is the problematic of Russia Drone Incursions in NATO members Airspace, this provoking NATO to the necessity of addressing a solution with the delegations in the committee and proceeding with the stated articles.

- NATO is currently focusing on the need to adopt new technologies, enhance their capacity, interoperability and defence industrial base, based on the urgent calls by Allied leaders at the Summit. The main priorities are: increasing defense with Russian airspace violations, the establishment of NATO Integrated Cyber Defence Centre with NATO's Allies in order to improve the situational awareness and enhance collective resilience against cyber threats, and supporting Ukraine with ongoing efforts to provide lethal aid and rehabilitate support for its wounded personnel.
- Due to the airspace violations from Russia and drone incursion, especially over

Poland, the committee needed to inaugurate the NATO Integrated Cyber Defense Centre by the side of Operation Eastern Sentry, an international air and ground defender. It was inaugurated to improve the real time threat detection and protection against Russian hybrid activities and cyber threats. This was established in the NATO's annual Cyber Defence Conference on Thursday (9 October).

- There has been tension with Russia on eastern members, with discussions about enhanced deployment and strategies, and limitations for the future use of arms. Negotiations are in process to an integration of cyber capabilities among allies with efforts to create a unified cyber defense posture. Additionally U.S.A president Donald Trump suggested the expulsion of Spain membership, based on the new objective of military expense, which has sparked debate but no formal moves have occurred at the date.

Topic Overview

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On September 9th, 2025, at about 11:30p.m. CEST, 19 to 23 drones entered Poland's airspace after being launched from Russia. This triggered a quick reaction by NATO, the alliance shot down the drones with its jets quickly.

Some experts view this situation as an attempt by Russia to see how the alliance reacts so that it can exploit any fissures or indecision. And some believe Russia is hoping to divert NATO's attention and resources from supporting Ukraine to defending its own territory.

TOPIC'S HISTORIC CONTEXT

- THE COLD WAR (1949–1991)

During the Cold War, NATO and the Soviet Union led Warsaw Pact represented two opposing military blocs. Between 1950-1980 both alliances engaged in an arms race and frequent airspace confrontations. Soviet aircraft occasionally crossed into NATO airspace, testing response times and defensive coordination. These incidents established the pattern of aerial provocations that continues in a modern form with Russian drones today.

- COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION (1991)

In 1991, the USSR dissolved, ending the Cold War. Many former Soviet republics and satellite states later joined NATO. This eastward expansion caused tension with Russia, which viewed NATO's enlargement as a direct security threat.

- MODERN RUSSIA- NATO TENSION (2000-2010)

In 2008, Russia's war with Georgia and its recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia increased NATO–Russia hostility. In 2014, the acquisition of Crimea by Russia marked a turning point, which led to NATO responding by increasing its presence in Eastern Europe and beginning air policing missions along the Baltic borders. Later on, in 2016 to 2018, multiple airspace violations by Russian fighter jets and bombers occurred over the Baltic and Black Seas, forcing NATO to intervene.

- DRONE USE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES (2020-now)

With advancements in technology, Russia has increasingly used unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for reconnaissance and intelligence operations near NATO borders. In 2022, during the full scale invasion of Ukraine, NATO members detected Russian drones crossing their airspace, sometimes unintentionally, sometimes as acts of intimidation or testing. The incidents in Romania, Poland, and Finland in 2024, involving drones suspected to be of Russian origin, heightening NATO's alert status and triggering debates about air defense modernization and coordinated responses.

Suggested Tools for Further Research, Documents of Significance, and Guiding Questions

TIMELINE

1955: The Warsaw Pact is created as the Soviet response to NATO.

1991: The Soviet Union collapses, marking the end of the Cold War.

1999–2004: NATO expands eastward, incorporating former Soviet allies and republics

2008: Russia invades Georgia, heightening tensions with NATO.

2014: Russia annexes Crimea, leading to NATO's increased military presence in Eastern Europe.

2016–2018: Numerous Russian aircraft violate NATO airspace, prompting NATO interception missions.

2022: Russia launches a full scale invasion of Ukraine, and there were reports of Russian drones entering NATO airspace.

2023–2024: Multiple unauthorized drone incursions occur in Romania, Poland, and Finland, intensifying NATO's defense

DOCUMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. North Atlantic Treaty (1949) (Washington Treaty)

- **Article 4:** it allows members to call out for a consultations when its security is threatened

-**Article 5:** Collective defense (an attack on one is an attack on all).

2. Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944) (ICAO Doc 7300) - Article 1 – States have complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above their territory. .

3. UN Charter (1945) (UN, Charter, Articles 2(4) and 51)

- **Article 2(4)** – Prohibits the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of any member.

- **Article 51** – Grants the right to self-defense in case of armed attack.

4. UN Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/RES/28/3 (2015) - Ensures the use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law, including international human rights and humanitarian law

GUIDING QUESTIONS

What is the impact of unauthorized Russian drone incursion into nato members' airspace?

What are the laws or regulations involved in this problem?

Which countries are affected by this problem?

What are the actions NATO has taken to address this problem?

What are the recent developments to solve this problem?

What is my delegation doing to address this problem?

What is my delegation's official position on the topic?

How does this problem affect your delegation's economy, politics and society? -

What are your delegation's major past actions, resolutions or success in this issue?

What solutions has your delegation proposed?

Which countries are affected by this problem?

What has the international community already done to solve this problem?

What specific and realist solution could your delegation propose to address this issue?

With what other member state does your delegation could ally to address a solution?

SUGGESTED SOURCES FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

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