

*Draft Pact of Non-Aggression between States Parties to the Warsaw
Treaty and States Parties to the North Atlantic Pact
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The contracting parties, States, parties to the Warsaw Treaty of Friend-

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ship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of May 24, 1955 on the one hand and States, parties to the North Atlantic Pact of April 4, 1949 on the other hand, being desirous of putting into effect in international relations the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; attaching great importance to the necessity of maintaining and developing peaceful relations and co-operation between states on the basis of equality, non-interference in internal affairs, non-aggression, mutual respect for territorial integrity and state sovereignty; inspired by the desire to promote the relaxation of international tension and the creation of an atmosphere of universal confidence in relations between states; considering that in view of the existence in Europe of two opposing alignments of states it will be of great importance for invigorating the international situation, terminating the arms race and removing the threat of a new war if the members of these alignments undertake mutual obligations not to resort to the use or threat of force in international relations; have decided to conclude the present pact of non-aggression and have authorized it to be signed:

For the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Polish People's Republic, the Czechoslovak Republic and the Rumanian People's Republic:

For the states, parties to the North Atlantic Pact by

Article 1

Noting that the use of threat of force in international relations is prohibited by international law and in particular by the Charter of the United Nations the States, parties to the Warsaw Treaty and the States, parties to the North Atlantic Pact solemnly undertake to strictly observe this prohibition and not to resort to the use or threat of force against one another jointly or separately.

Article 2

All disputes that may arise between one or more parties to the Warsaw Treaty, on the one hand, and one or more parties to the North Atlantic Pact, on the other hand, shall be resolved by peaceful means only, on the basis of the invariable observance of the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states, in the spirit of mutual understanding and through negotiations between the parties concerned or by using other means of peaceful settlement of international disputes as provided for by the United Nations Charter.

Article 3

Should a situation arise which might endanger the preservation of

peace or security in Europe, the states parties to the present pact, shall consult together with a view of taking and implementing such joint measures as, in conformity with the United Nations Charter, may be deemed appropriate for a peaceful settlement.

Article 4

The present pact has been concluded for a period of 25 years.

The pact shall come into force on the day of its signing by duly authorized representatives of the States, parties to the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of May 14, 1955 and the States, parties to the North Atlantic Pact of April 4, 1949.

In the event of the North Atlantic Pact of April 4, 1949 and the Warsaw Treaty of May 14, 1955 being terminated, the present pact will become invalid.

Article 5

The present pact, of which the Russian, English and French texts are authentic, shall be deposited for safe-keeping with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Governments of States, parties to the present pact.

In faith whereof the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the present pact and have fixed thereto their seals.

Done in the city of . . . , 1958.