

NATO IS A THREAT TO PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

RAPIDLY REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH NATO'S RISING MILITARISM AND MILITARY SPENDING

NATO IS FOSSIL FUEL-POWERED, NUCLEAR-ARMED MILITARY ALLIANCE

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a military alliance of 32 Western countries founded in 1949. NATO has its headquarters in Brussels, but it gets its 'marching orders' from Washington D.C. The United States dominates the trans-Atlantic alliance. The U.S. has the highest military budget and the largest, most advanced military. Since its founding, NATO has always been led by an American General who is the Supreme Allied Commander. NATO is the "military muscle" that enforces Western domination and capitalism.

NATO allies must be interoperable with the U.S. military, which is the largest institutional consumer of fossil fuel on the planet. NATO's weapons systems, exercises and operations rely on a steady supply of fossil fuel and emit excessive greenhouse gases exacerbating the climate crisis. NATO members also rely on nuclear power for their submarines and aircraft carriers and on a dangerous nuclear deterrence that poses an existential threat to humanity along with climate change.

NATO is a fossil-fuel powered, nuclear-armed military alliance of 32 Western countries that are the worst historic carbon emitters.

NATO's carbon-intensive militarism and 2% GDP target are impeding progress on the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

NATO'S DEMAND FOR MILITARY SPENDING DIVERTS RESOURCES AWAY FROM CLIMATE ACTION

NATO is recklessly diverting our attention and resources to war and away from the grave threat of global warming.

NATO members spend over \$1.5 trillion annually on their militaries, which is almost 60% of global military spending. At the NATO Summit in The Hague, Netherlands in 2025, allies made a new defence investment pledge to spend 5% of GDP on the military by 2035 to expand weapons production and recruit more soldiers.

Since the Paris Agreement was signed in 2015, NATO members have increased their military spending by \$200 billion annually from \$896 billion to over \$1.5 trillion. Yet, they have failed to meet their United Nations climate financing pledge of \$100 billion per year for developing countries to adapt to worsening climate change.

WHERE'S THE \$100 BILLION FOR CLIMATE FINANCE?

IT'S IN MILITARY SPENDING.



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total NATO Military Spending (USD)	\$896 billion	\$911 billion	\$918 billion	\$972 billion	\$1,031 billion	\$1,107 billion	\$1,155 billion	\$1,172 billion	\$1,264 billion	\$1,474 billion	\$1,587 billion

Source: Defence Expenditures of NATO Countries (2014-2025) www.nato.int

NATO'S CARBON-INTENSIVE WEAPONS AND OPERATIONS

Within NATO countries, it is the military that is the biggest consumer of oil and largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Fighter jets, tanks and warships, are petroleum powered and are extremely energy inefficient with long life cycles and locked-in energy platforms that cannot be readily replaced by renewable energy.

Over the twenty-five years while global warming has worsened, NATO has fought deadly and destructive wars in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya that have wrecked the climate and natural environment, killed many people, and derailed the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. NATO's aggressive expansion and belligerent operations in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia have also undermined global cooperation for ambitious climate action.

Militarism is going to get worse under NATO's Agenda 2030, 2022 Strategic Concept and 2025 The Hague Declaration. They act as blueprint for a carbon-intensive arms race and a costly new Cold War against Russia and China over the next decade, which is also the crucial period to make progress on the Paris Agreement. Worse still, NATO's dangerous plans risk hot wars and nuclear escalation that threatens all life on earth.

NATO's war exercises and wars are making global warming worse.

DISBAND NATO AND WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE WORLD FOR DECARBONIZATION

In June 2021, NATO announced its *Agenda on Climate Change and Security*. It is a pathetic attempt to protect its military bases from extreme weather events and to make its weapons and war more environmentally-friendly. In June 2022 at the Madrid Summit, Canada announced that

it will host NATO's Centre of Excellence for Climate and Security (CCASCOE) in Montreal. This is also an attempt to greenwash the military alliance and deflect criticism for NATO's excessive carbon emissions. Canada is not a leader on climate action, but has failed to every target under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We cannot 'green' NATO, we have to abolish it.

Canada is greenwashing NATO. Shutdown CCASCOE.

Global solidarity is crucial to climate action and justice, but NATO is causing international tension and mistrust. Western countries must withdraw from the military alliance and work peacefully and cooperatively through the United Nations system with Russia and China to solve our most pressing security challenges — averting catastrophic climate change and eliminating nuclear weapons.

**We can't 'green' NATO.
We have to abolish it.**

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womenagainstnato.org
- **No2NATO**
no2nato.org
- **No to War, No to NATO Network**
no-to-nato.org
- **Resist NATO Coalition**
www.ilps.us/resistnato

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