

Hungary Ratifies Sweden's NATO Membership

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Hungary's parliament voted to **approve Sweden's bid to join the** North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), making it the 32nd nation to join the alliance.

- NATO, a vital transatlantic military and political alliance, ensures collective security for its member countries. Established in 1949 by 12 founding nations, with a majority from Europe and North America, it remains a cornerstone of international stability.
- NATO is headquartered at Boulevard Leopold III in Brussels, Belgium.
- Alliances of NATO:
 - Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC)
 - Mediterranean Dialogue fosters security and stability in the Mediterranean by enhancing relations between participating countries and NATO Allies.
 - **Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI)** offers non-NATO countries in the broader Middle East region the opportunity to cooperate with NATO, aiming to enhance regional security.
- "NATO plus" refers to a security arrangement of NATO and the five treaty allies of the U.S.
 Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel, and South Korea as members to enhance
 "global defence cooperation" and win the "strategic competition with the Chinese Communist Party".
 - NATO Plus is not an officially recognised or established concept within NATO.



Map exludes the United States and Canada, both founding members of NATO.

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