

National Federation of Democratic Women
Resolution on Foreign Policy Affirming Preservation of Global Alliances

WHEREAS, April 4, 2019, marked the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

WHEREAS, The United States (U.S.) has greatly benefitted from its role in NATO, the Group of Seven (G7), and other major global alliances in the post-World War II era; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J Trump has weakened many of these global alliances by disrespecting established U.S. allies; publicly questioning not only whether the U.S. will honor its international security commitments but also the actual value of the United States' ongoing participation in essential multilateral organizations; praising dictators and despots; criticizing the media and U.S Intelligence Agencies; ignoring and/or perpetuating human rights abuses; defunding or underfunding foreign aid and outreach programs; cutting the number of staff and diplomats in the Department of State; failing to fill key ambassadorships; and, withdrawing the United States from key international agreements, ranging from the Paris Agreement to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (aka the Iran nuclear deal).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that because preserving and expanding global alliances is essential to the United States' national security and protection of its preeminence in the world order, the National Federation of Democratic Women gives its full support to the United States maintaining and strengthening key existing alliances such as NATO and the G7, pursuing new alliances that strengthen the United States' position in an evolving world, and prioritizing the funding and pursuit of global diplomacy.