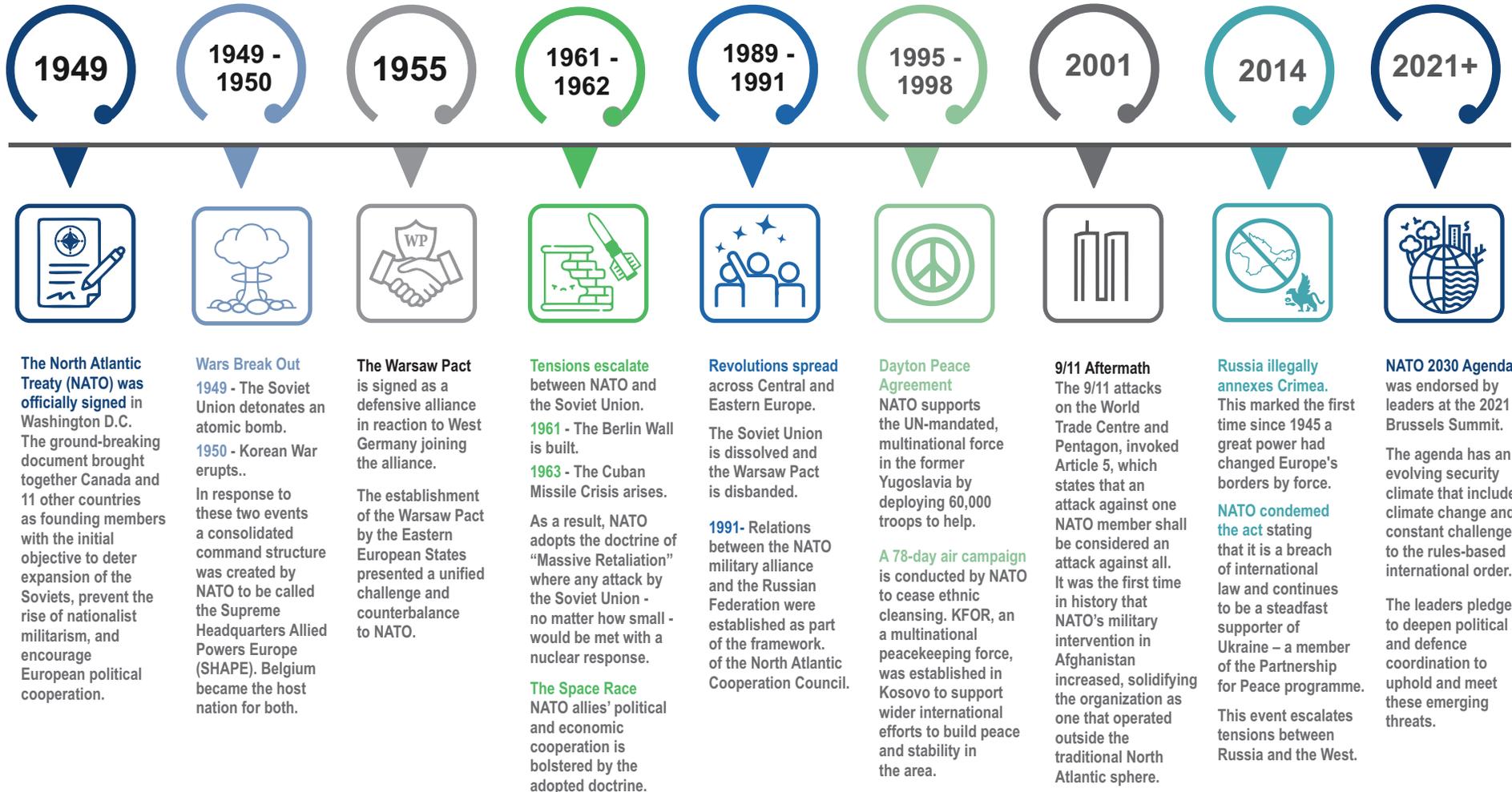




The History of NATO

A UNIFIED FRONT

NATO's expressed fundamental goal is to **safeguard the Allies' freedom and security by political and military means**. With this essential and enduring purpose, NATO remains the principal security instrument of the transatlantic community and expression of its common democratic values.





NATO Expansion

Current NATO Membership

Founded in 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization now has **30** members.

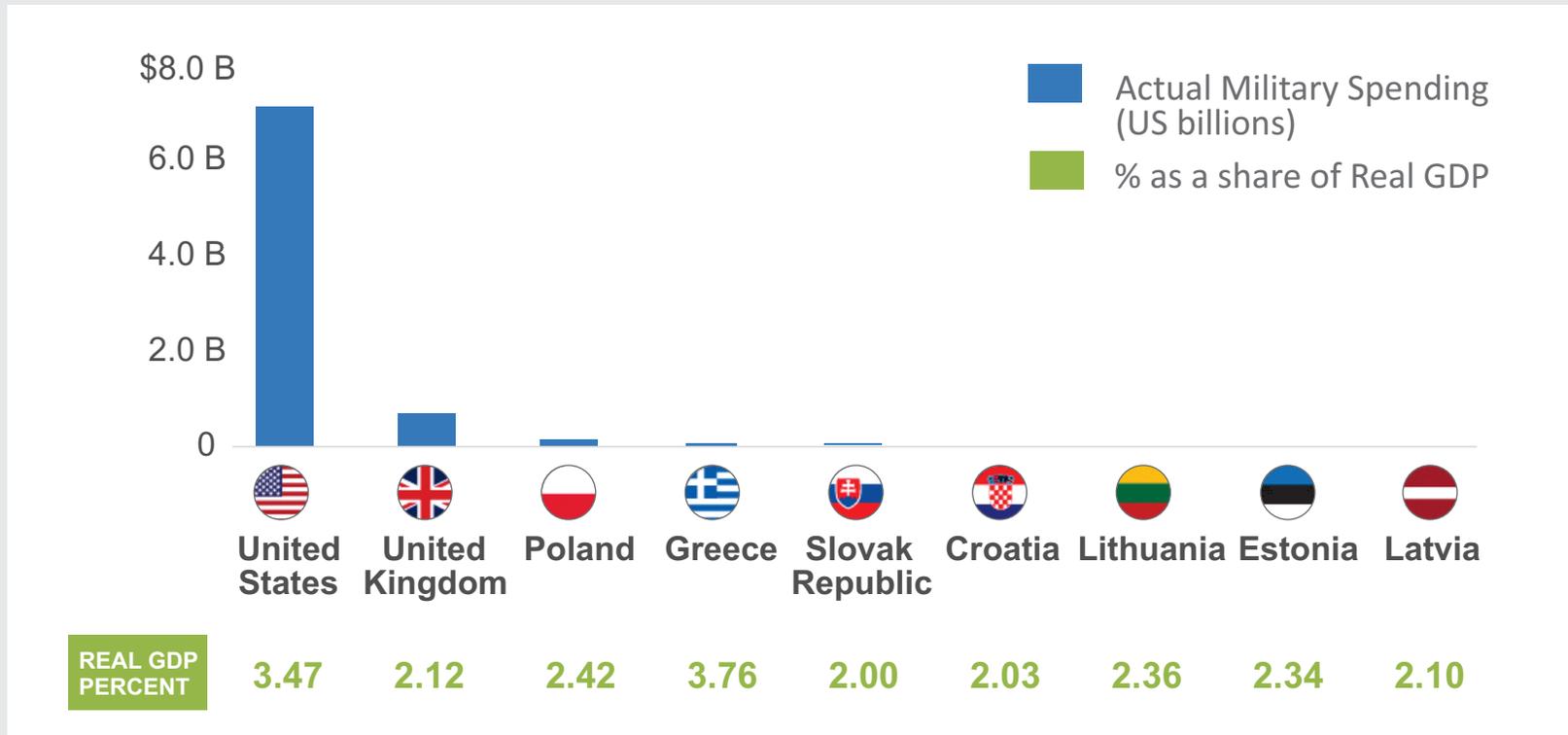
ORIGINAL	ADDITIONAL	Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA)
1949	By Year Joined	As of 2023
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12 Members	18 Members	18 Members

Strategic Working Relationships – Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) status is a designation that provides foreign partners with certain benefits in the areas of defense trade and security cooperation.



NATO Defence Expenditures

NATO has called for Allies to meet the 2% of GDP guideline for defence spending.



NATO Contributions – 9 of the current 30 member nations are meeting this goal. Others are expected to do so in the future.

*As of June 27, 2022



Top Ten Future Defence Scenarios

The European Defence Agency (EDA) met in 2014 and identified a list of 10 scenarios for the future by 2040.

