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Letter to NATO Members' National Parliaments

Subject: The Swedish government's application for membership to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

As has been widely reported the Swedish government has presented to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) an application for Sweden's membership.

We, undersigned Swedish peace organisations, urge you not to approve this request. An approval will increase the risk of war in northern Europe. A war that will easily escalate to a worldwide nuclear Armageddon.

Our government's decision to apply for membership is an abrupt change of Sweden's traditional policy of non-alignment, and taken in great haste. As the Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson herself earlier stated "such sudden changes are hazardous".

The citizens were furthermore excluded from any democratic process, although the government was well aware that there is a widespread public opposition, not least within the Swedish Social Democratic Party, against Nato membership. Nato approves new member states only if they have a stable majority for membership. Such conditions do not exist in Sweden.

The result of Sweden's and Finland's becoming Nato members, will lead to a destabilisation in northern Europe. Sweden and Finland constitute a neutral buffer zone between Nato and Russia. To drastically change this very favorable geopolitical positioning, which has proved to work excellently, is incomprehensible.

It's impossible to regard Nato as an alliance for peace and security. Its history tells us that Nato is an aggressor who is encircling and trying to contain Russia. Sweden and Finland will as members fulfill that objective which means one more step towards nuclear war, the end of the world as we know it. Take into account that your decision does not only affect Sweden and current Nato members, but the whole world.

We undersigned Swedish peace organisations therefore urge you strongly not to approve the Swedish request for membership.

Svenska Fredskommittén (Swedish Peace Committee)
Chair Bertil Gustafsson

Riksföreningen Nej till Nato (National Association No to Nato)
Chair Eva Jonson