

NATO Summit Declaration. Hostile to Russia, Signed by All Member States

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Following day-one of July 11 and 12 summit talks in Brussels, NATO issued a declaration, signed by all member state leaders, including Trump and Turkey's Erdogan.

It's unacceptably hostile to Russia – "accusing us of provocative activities and...gnashing its teeth," according to its Foreign Ministry.

The <u>lengthy declaration</u>, prepared ahead of the summit, accused Russia of occupying Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. It turned truth on its head claiming Moscow "illegitimate(ly) annex(ed) Crimea." A further litany of Big Lies about Russia followed.

The summit declaration criticized Moscow's legitimate defensive military activities in its own territory, threatening no one – unlike US-dominated NATO, threatening world peace and stability, waging endless wars of aggression against sovereign nations.

The declaration accused Russia of "aggressive actions, including the threat and use of force to attain political goals, challenge the Alliance and...undermining Euro-Atlantic security and the rules-based international order" – a bald-faced lie!

It pretended opposition to "(t)errorism in all its forms and manifestations" its member states support, heavily arming ISIS and likeminded jihadists, using them as imperial proxies in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere.

The declaration turned truth on its head, claiming

"NATO...strive(s) for peace, security, and stability in the whole of the Euro-Atlantic area...united in our commitment to...the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

Polar opposite is true. US-dominated NATO aggression shows what the alliance is all about – hostile to what it claims to support.

NATO is an aggressive imperial alliance, not a "defensive" one as falsely claimed. There are no external threats against its members – nothing justifying its existence.

Claiming the alliance "face(s) a dangerous, unpredictable, and fluid security environment, with enduring challenges and threats from all strategic directions; from state and non-state

actors; from military forces; and from terrorist, cyber, and hybrid attacks" is a bald-faced lie.

So is accusing Russia of "aggressive actions, including the threat and use of force to attain political goals."

Cold, hard reality is inimical to NATO's belligerent agenda. A phony Russia threat, a phony terrorist threat, and so forth are convenient pretexts for continuing a US-dominated alliance, used as an instrument of its aggressive imperial agenda.

Ahead of summit talks, hawkish neocon US envoy to NATO, former senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, turned truth on its head claiming Moscow is trying to "flip" Turkey and other alliance members, adding the Kremlin "want(s) to destabilize the strongest defense alliance in the history of the world" – a killing machine, she failed to explain.

As long as NATO exists, endless US-led wars of aggression will continue. World peace and stability will remain unattainable.

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