

NATO Brazenly Deceived Russia



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Newly Discovered Epoch-making Document Proves That NATO “Brazenly Deceived” Russia about the Alliance’s Eastward Expansion Plans

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Russia has correctly been maintaining for decades that NATO’s eastward expansion violated Western promises that the Alliance would not advance “one inch” in that direction (to use Mikhail Gorbachev’s famous phrase) after the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989. NATO and the US had claimed that such a commitment was never made in writing. This is a lie designed to enable NATO to pursue its steady advance to the borders of Russia unchallenged and ride rough-shod over the rules of International Law.

On 18 February 2022 the German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported the discovery of a momentous document found amongst the minutes of the 6

March 1991 meeting in Bonn (at that time the capital of the German Federal Republic) between the political directors of the Foreign Ministries of the US, UK, France, and Germany, who discussed the preconditions for German reunification. Because of Soviet objections to the possible absorption of East German (the German Democratic Republic) into NATO, an agreement was reached which allowed a reunified Germany to remain a part of NATO on the condition that NATO troops were not to be stationed in East German territory. The document, published in full by the magazine, made it absolutely clear that NATO would not expand “past the eastern borders of Germany”, including, of course, into neighbouring Poland.

Therefore, for a start, Poland should never have been allowed to join NATO, which it did on 26 February 1999, later followed by Germany’s “eastern borders” which at that time were the Oder-Neisse Line (in German: Oder-Neiße-Grenze), called after the two rivers Oder and Neisse which formed the boundary between Germany (the German Democratic Republic) and Poland from 1950 until 1990 and had been Poland’s western border since 1945. This delineation transferred a large section of German territory to Poland, including parts of Pomerania, parts of Brandenburg, and all of Silesia.

Non-Expansion Agreed

The discovered document quotes Raymond Seitz, the then US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Canada, who said: “We made it clear to the Soviet Union - in the 2+4 talks, as well as in other negotiations - that we do not intend to benefit from the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe [and that] NATO should not expand to the east, either officially or unofficially.” A British representative at the talks also mentions the existence of a “general agreement” that membership of NATO for eastern European countries was “unacceptable”. Very significantly, Jürgen Hrobog, a West German jurist, diplomat, and at that time about to become West German Ambassador to the US (1995-2001) confirmed: “We had made it clear during the 2+4 negotiations that we would not extend NATO beyond the Elbe. We could not therefore offer Poland and others membership in NATO[1].”

We have Joshua Shifinson, Professor of Political Science at Boston University in the US, to thank for having found this document in the UK National Archives. It had been marked “Secret” but had been declassified at some point. Its discovery is a devastating blow to Biden and the NATO warmongers and provides confirmation that those Western diplomats who truly believed that they had indeed made a NATO non-expansion pledge were absolutely right.

Denial of truth

Yet Stoltenberg, when interviewed by Der Spiegel and confronted with the now absolutely proven facts, still reacted in his characteristic mind-boggling fashion with an outright denial of the indisputable evidence staring him in the face, repeating that NATO “never promised not to expand”, that there “has never been such a behind-the-scenes deal” and that “it is imply not true”? We recall similarly that in October 2018, during an interview on the BBC Russian Service, Stoltenberg made a statement by which he declared that not even a verbal promise was made to Gorbachev assuring him that NATO would not move to the east[2]. This is pure unadulterated Goebbels.

Speaking at the Munich Security Conference on 19 February 2022, Stoltenberg displayed his and NATO’s true belligerent intentions by declaring: “[...] if the Kremlin’s aim is to have less NATO on its borders, it will only get more NATO; and if it wants to divide NATO, it will only get an even more united alliance.” This aggressiveness completely contradicted his next sentence in which he insisted that NATO was “a defensive alliance not threatening Russia or anyone else[3]”.

Multiple Written Promises

Despite their repeated denials, Western leaders did indeed make a solemn and binding promise to the USSR that NATO would not expand into Central and Eastern Europe. The assurance was by no means solely verbal and was made in conjunction with negotiations for German reunification. These guarantees were provided by veteran German politician Willy Wimmer, a former Vice-President of the Organisation for Security and

Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), in an interview with the Russia Today website (RT) on 19 February 2022.

Wimmer, who was Parliamentary Secretary to Germany's Defence Minister between 1985 and 1992, revealed that he had "personally witnessed" this promise when he "sent Chancellor Helmut Kohl [1982-1988] the statement on the Bundeswehr in NATO and NATO in Europe, which was completely incorporated into the treaties on re-unification", where it can be read today[4]. Of course these facts are never mentioned by Western leaders.

The veteran Wimmer said he believed that the promises were deliberately "dashed" by the ambitions of United States formulated in its notorious 'Wolfowitz Doctrine' of 18 February 1992, an unofficial name for the Defence Planning Guidance for the 1994-1999 fiscal years published by -the then US Under Secretary of State for Defence for Policy, Paul Wolfowitz. The plans were widely criticised as "imperialist" because they outlined a policy of "unilateralism" and "pre-emptive military action" to suppress potential threats from other nations and prevent dictatorships from rising to superpower status and thus challenging US hegemony.

German Reaction: Blind to Reality

German Foreign Ministry spokesman Christopher Burger has turned truth on its head and summarily dismissed the released classified information in its entirety as being merely "old historical documents" signed between Moscow, Berlin and other Western powers which "do not contain any promises not to expand the NATO alliance beyond the borders of a reunified Germany"!

Asked to comment on Der Spiegel's release of the material, Burger said: "I would like to state once again that neither the '2+4' Agreement [on German reunification] nor the NATO-Russia Founding Act contained promises to Russia that NATO would not expand to the east. The '2+4' Agreement does not mention this issue at all, and any statements to the contrary do not correspond with reality. [...] I will not try to interpret a 30 year-old document[5]." This is absolutely incredible, coming from a man

who refuses to “interpret” the document at the same time as claiming to know what it means. The West is behaving like a crazed Nazi jockey driving its political proxy Ukraine like a blinkered racehorse being furiously ridden to its doom.

Meanwhile the situation in Donbass has escalated to a dangerous level as the Ukraine military tries to break through the contact line, thus proving that there has been no predicted Russian invasion but that the real invasion is happening in the opposite direction, coming from Ukraine. The BBC and the rest of the Western corporate media have deliberately not shown pictures of the evacuation of up to 900,000 ethnic Russians to safety in Russia as the US-supplied Ukrainian military, which includes the Nazis of the Azov Battalion, continues its war of genocide against the citizens of the Donbass.

Breaking News (21 February 2022)

As Kiev continued its indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas of the self-proclaimed Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk - in blatant violation of the Minsk Protocol which Ukraine signed in 2014 and 2015 agreeing to grant them autonomy and committing itself to a peaceful, negotiated settlement of the dispute - several shells landed and exploded inside Russia and one destroyed a Russian border post[6]. This is the diametric opposite of what the West calls “Russian aggression” and a “Russian invasion”.

President Putin gave an urgent televised address to the nation in which he formally recognised the independence of the two Donbass Republics, declaring that Russia has “a full right to take measures in response, to ensure its sovereignty - and this is what we are going to do”. Shortly afterwards he signed decrees recognising their independence. A detailed summary of the address, which is also a comprehensive history lesson that the West needs to learn, can be read via the link in the footnote[7].



FOOTNOTES

1) Quoted in [The Asian Post, 20 February 2022](#)

2) [Link](#)

3) [Link](#) Italics mine for emphasis

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