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NATO ROLE IN WESTERN BALKANS: IS OPEN DOOR POLICY STILL RELEVANT?

Will the NATO summit in Wales bring renewed interest in the  
Western Balkans?

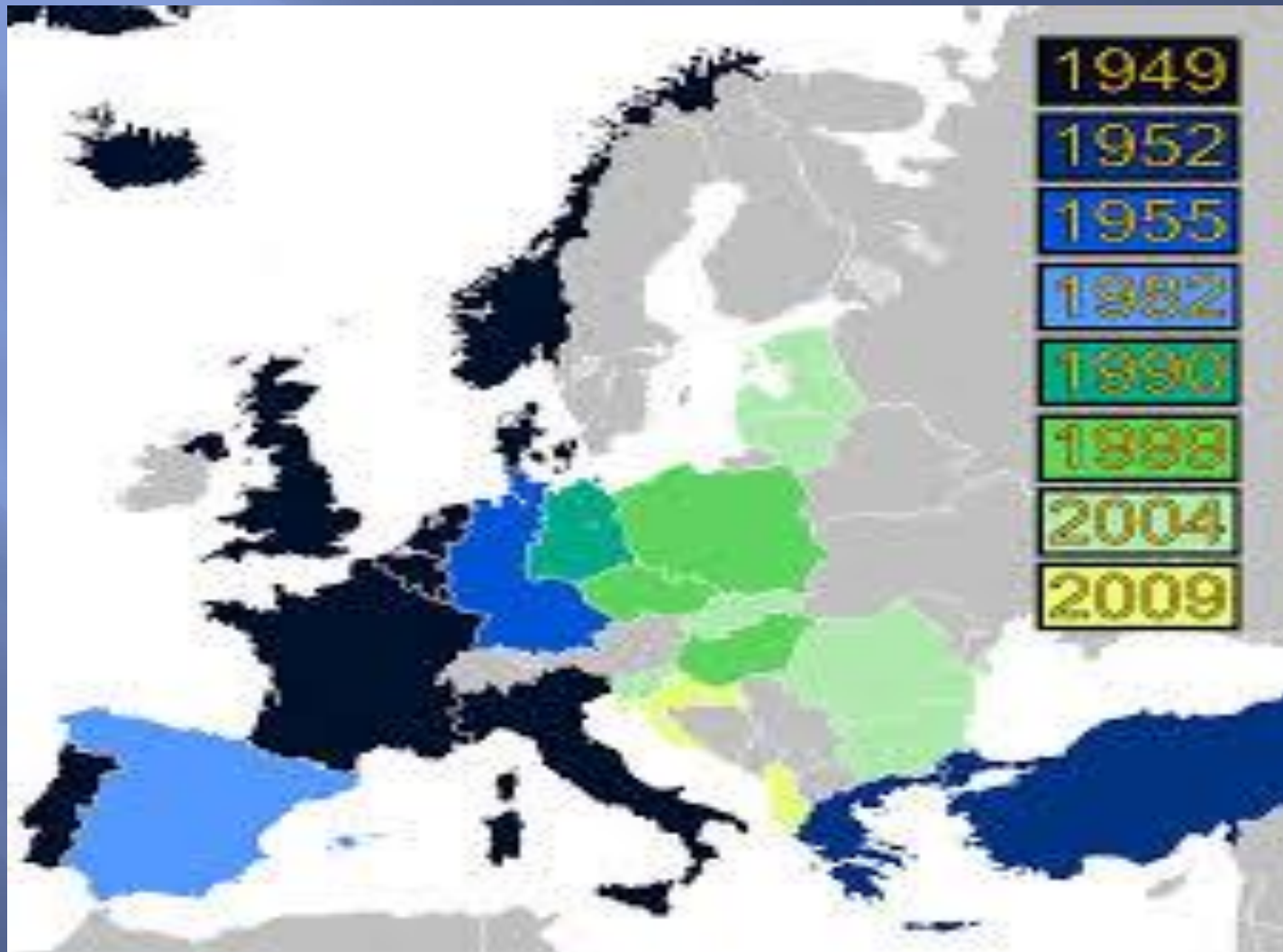
Ambassador Marija Efremova

# *President Truman signs the treaty*

August 24, 1949



Thanks to the Alliance's open door policy, since 1949 NATO's membership increased from 12 to 28 countries



# Progress toward accession of the Western Balkan countries

- Macedonia: PfP 1999; MAP 1999; SEDM 1996; name recognition issue with Greece; support for NATO 80%; Defence budget (as of GDP) 1,3%; ISAF 158 troops; Professional army since 2006, 8000 soldiers
- Montenegro: PfP 2006; 2009; SEDM 2009; support for NATO 29%; Defence budget (as of GDP) 1,7%; ISAF 27 troops; Professional army since 2006, 2080 soldiers
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: PfP 2006; MAP2010; SEDM 2007; support for NATO 70%; Defence budget (as of GDP) 1,4%; ISAF 53 troops; Professional army since 2006, 10.550 soldiers
- Serbia: PfP 2006; SEDM 2010; support for NATO 15,6%; Defence budget (as of GDP) 2,2%; Professional army since 2011, 28.150 soldiers
- Kosovo: not recognised by four NATO member states; Defence budget (as of GDP) 0,7%





- The Open Door Policy under Article 10 of the Washington Treaty is one of the Alliance's great successes
- NATO's door remains open to all partner countries and NATO will continue to support their efforts to implement the necessary reforms for full integration
- The renewed focus on the Western Balkans is essential to overcome the last obstacles to complete the process of integration of these countries into NATO



Thank you for your attention and for choosing Ohrid to hold  
this event

