

Flag of Slovakia raised at Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast

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On March 2nd, 2004, the NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer invited Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia to become members of NATO.

The accession protocols are amendments to the North Atlantic Treaty. Once ratified by all 19 countries, the documents became instruments of ratification and are deposited with the United States State Department. The amendments allowed the seven invited countries to become parties to the Treaty and members of NATO. In view of this fact, the Slovak republic has expressed an interest in sending its troops to serve at HQ MNC NE. This idea has been accepted by the Danish-German-Polish Corps Committee, the Corps' superior and policy-making body. Captain Peter Kovacs, the first of the ten Slovak officers, has arrived at the Baltic Barracks today. To mark the event, Lieutenant General Egon Ramms commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast has ordered official rising of the Slovakian flag on the flagpole.