Whereas the foreign policy and military strength of the United States are dedicated to the protection of our national security, the preservation of the liberties of the American people, and the maintenance of world peace; and

Whereas this security also depends on the nations of Western Europe and continuing close relations with them, as embodied in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Treaty; and

Whereas there has been a change in the political and diplomatic situation resulting in a feeling of diminished tension as to the affairs of Europe between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Warsaw Pact countries; and

Whereas the United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization partners have evinced a continuing desire to encourage this reduction of tension in Europe and the mutual pullback of forces, consistent with security; and

Whereas the countries of Western Europe have built their economies, but have not yet adequately translated this economic power into increased contribution to the collective defense efforts; and

Whereas the United States has and will continue to increase its logistical capability to transport troops and supplies quickly over long distances; and

Whereas the United States has a balance-of-payments problem, which has been made even more acute by the financial policies of one of the great powers benefiting from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Treaty and by resistance to international monetary reform, and which requires, consistent with security, the reduction of gold outflow from the United States; Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate, That—

(a) the security of the United States requires that we continue to maintain substantial and effective combat forces in Europe to meet any continuing military threat;

(b) the European partners of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization be urged to make a greater contribution to the collective security of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization area in accordance with their renewed economic strength;
(c) efforts be supported to increase consultation and cooperation in the North Atlantic Organization in order to modernize the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(d) the President continue efforts to improve East-West relations, consistent with security, and to bring about a settlement of the outstanding European problems;

(e) taking account of the changing political situation between East and West considering the strengthened Western European economics, the balance-of-payments difficulties of the United States logistical capability, redeployments of some of the United States forces now in Western Europe is properly an item for determination in consultation with our North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, without adversely affecting the political situation in Western Europe or the security of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization area.

SEC. 2. Senate Resolution 99, adopted in the Senate April 4, 1951, is amended to contain the provisions of this resolution and, where the resolution may conflict, the present resolution is controlling as to the sense of the Senate.