

# *Elon Musk backs U.S. withdrawal from UN and NATO*

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Washington, March 2 (RHC)-- Billionaire Elon Musk has publicly endorsed the idea of the US withdrawing from both the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Responding to a social media post advocating such a move on Sunday, Musk, who leads the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), commented, "I agree."

U.S. President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers have vowed to reconsider Washington's participation in the United Nations, as well as in the U.S.-led military bloc based in Brussels.

In February, Senator Mike Lee of Utah introduced the Disengaging Entirely from the United Nations Debacle (DEFUND) Act, proposing a complete U.S. withdrawal from the United Nations. Lee criticized the UN as a "platform for tyrants" that attacks America and its allies, arguing that despite significant funding, the organization has failed to prevent wars, genocides, human rights violations, and pandemics.

Echoing Lee's sentiments, Musk wrote on X that "America provides way too much funding to the UN and associated entities."

During his 2016 campaign, Trump described the UN as weak and incompetent, stating it was "not a friend of democracy... freedom... the United States." Last month, the Trump administration opposed a UN General Assembly resolution demanding Russia's immediate withdrawal from Ukraine.

Musk, now a key advisor to Trump, has taken the lead in looking for ways to cut costs and reduce the federal workforce. In February, DOGE released its first savings report, claiming an estimated \$55 billion in savings through cost-cutting measures.

Elise Stefanik, Trump's nominee for US Ambassador to the UN, advocated the global adoption of Musk's DOGE initiative. She criticized the UN's financial practices and called for a "Global DOGE" effort to reform international governance. Stefanik also pledged to push for defunding and dismantling UN-affiliated organizations accused of corruption and antisemitism.

Musk has also voiced skepticism about NATO. In February, he labeled the alliance "anachronistic" and called for a full review, questioning its relevance in the post-Cold War era. He also questioned the rationale behind American taxpayers covering a significant portion of Europe's defense costs, highlighting that the US pays for approximately 67% of NATO's military expenses, despite spending only 3.5% of its GDP on defense.

His position aligns with Trump, who has frequently criticized NATO, urging members to increase defense expenditure and threatening to withdraw, arguing the U.S. bears an unfair financial burden for European security.

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