

TASKS FOR SELFSTUDY

Topic 7



MILITARY ALLIANCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEFENSE

1. What are pros and cons of joining an alliance? Express them by political, military or economic criteria.
2. Carry out microeconomic analysis of an alliance. Is the problem of free riding connected with this analysis?
3. What type of good is provided by an alliance (public, mixed, private etc.). Is the "Club theory" connected with this problem?
4. Should NATO be permanently enlarged? What practical and theoretical problems are connected with NATO enlargement (probably you can apply the problem to other examples of alliances)?
5. Gain historical insight into the creation of military and similar allied unions? Describe the alliance, reasons of creation, possibly reasons of destruction of alliance.
6. Gain short insight into NATO alliance functioning, mainly explain system of funding and costs sharing.