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1. **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** (noun) – NATO was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.
2. **unwilling** (adjective) – reluctant, unenthusiastic, hesitant, disinclined, resistant.
3. **engage** (verb) – involve (in a diplomatic talk/discussion).
4. **diplomatically** (adverb) – tactfully, sensitively; in a way that involves ambassadors/diplomats between countries.
5. **address** (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
6. **concern** (noun) – (a cause of) anxiety, worry, disquiet, apprehension.
7. **unjustifiable** (adjective) – baseless, flawed, unreasonable, unacceptable.
8. **incursion** (noun) – invasion, sudden attack, sudden assault, onslaught, aggression, intrusion, trespass/infiltration.
9. **troop** (noun) – soldiers, armed forces.
10. **build-up** (noun) – accumulation, gathering, amassing.
11. **shared** (adjective) – common.
12. **drastically** (adverb) – extremely, substantially.
13. **tension** (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
14. **ripple** (noun) – a small wave/wavelet, a series of waves.
15. **ripple effect** (noun) – an event (or a process/action) that causes several other events to happen indirectly one after the other; secondary/indirect effect, consequence/implication, chain of events.
16. **strategic** (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
17. **connection** (noun) – relationship, association, tie.
18. **come under** (phrasal verb) – be subjected to (an influence/authority/attack).
19. **even as** (phrase) - while, at the same time that.
20. **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** (noun) – it is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations, charged with ensuring international peace and security.
21. **invasion** (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexation, annexing, takeover.
22. **European Commission (EC)** (noun) – the (European Union) EU's politically independent executive arm. It is alone responsible for drawing up proposals for new European legislation, and it implements the decisions of the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.

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23. vow (verb) - swear, pledge, promise, undertake.
24. impose (verb) – apply, enforce, exact, inflict.
25. sanctions (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc.
26. overlay (verb) – become more important than.
27. entity (noun) - organization, establishment, institution, body.
28. cut off (phrasal verb) - discontinue, break off, disconnect.
29. hardly (adverb) – barely, almost not.
30. backlash (noun) – a strong negative reaction; adverse response, counteraction.
31. sympathy (noun) - empathy, consideration, humanity.
32. amass (verb) - accumulate, collect, gather.
33. sought past tense of seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
34. press (for) (verb) - call for, ask for, request, insist on, push for.
35. diplomatic (adjective) – (delicate & sensitive) consular, foreign-policy.
36. negotiation (noun) – discussion, talks, parleying, deliberation, dialogue.
37. frustration (noun) – disappointment, annoyance/irritation, dissatisfaction.
38. intractability (noun) – stubbornness, pigheadedness, headstrongness, unmanageability, uncontrollability, out of control.
39. aggression (noun) – hostility, belligerence, combativeness, warmongering, hawkishness.
40. palpable (adjective) – noticeable, visible, recognizable, conspicuous, discernible, tangible.
41. stem from (phrasal verb) – originate from, arise/come from, emanate from.
42. inevitability (noun) – the fact of being certain to happen; certainty, necessity, foregone conclusion, predictable result.
43. unlikely (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
44. prospect (noun) – chance, possibility, odds, probability, likelihood.
45. escalate (verb) - increase, intensify, heighten.
46. devastating (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, disastrous.
47. toll (noun) – loss, disadvantage, suffering; adverse effects, undesirable consequences, detriment, harm, damage.

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48. **rule out** (phrasal verb) - exclude, disregard, reject.
49. **at the heart of** (phrase) – at the most important part of.
50. **potentially** (adverb) – likely, possibly, probably.
51. **station** (verb) - position, place, set, locate.
52. **penchant** (noun) – inclination, disposition, leaning, tendency.
53. **expansionism** (noun) – the policy of territorial expansion.
54. **fuel** (verb) - stimulate, boost, encourage, intensify, fortify, support, nurture.
55. **insecurity** (noun) – vulnerability, defencelessness, unguardedness, lack of protection.
56. **dissolution** (noun) – cessation/end, termination, suspension.
57. **Soviet Union/Soviet Republic** (noun) – The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (also known as the USSR) consisted of Russia and 14 surrounding countries. The USSR's territory stretched from the Baltic states in Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean, including the majority of northern Asia and portions of central Asia.
58. **Eastern European military alliance or Warsaw Pact** (noun) – The Warsaw Pact was a collective defence treaty established by the Soviet Union and seven other Soviet satellite states in Central and Eastern Europe: Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania (Albania withdrew in 1968).
59. **alliance** (noun) – association, union, partnership.
60. **NATO-Russia Founding Act 1997** (noun) – In 1997, NATO and Russia negotiated and signed a founding act designed to guide relations by building increased trust, unity of purpose, and habits of consultation and cooperation. This political agreement—not a legally binding treaty-committed NATO to carry out its collective defense and other missions by “ensuring the necessary interoperability, integration, and capability for reinforcement rather than by additional permanent stationing of substantial combat forces” on the territories of the former Warsaw Pact states.
61. **disregard** (verb) - ignore, take no notice of, dismiss, turn a blind eye to.
62. **spirit** (noun) - substance, intention, meaning, significance.
63. **underwent** past of **undergo** (verb) – go through, engage in, be subjected to, undertake.
64. **enlargement** (noun) - expansion, building up.

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65. **orbit** (noun) - sphere of influence, area of activity, ambit, compass, sweep, jurisdiction, authority, remit, domain, realm.
66. **hotline** (noun) – a direct telephone line between two head quarters of government for emergency & or communication.
67. **Cold War** (noun) – The Cold War was a state of political and military tension after World War II between powers in the Western Bloc (the United States and a group of countries) and powers in the Eastern Bloc (the Soviet Union and a group of countries).
68. **fail-safe** (noun) – caution, precaution, preventive measure, safeguard.
69. **arms** (noun) – weapons, weapons of war, weaponry, firearms.
70. **fall by the wayside** (phrase) – fail to continue in an attempt/try.
71. **annexation** (noun) - occupation, conquering, capture, seizure.
72. **Crimea** (noun) – a peninsula along the northern coast of the Black Sea in Eastern Europe. The peninsula is almost entirely surrounded by both the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov. The status of Crimea is disputed. It is claimed by Ukraine and in 2014 was recognized as Ukrainian by the United Nations and most other countries, but it is governed by Russia. Russia formally annexed Crimea on 18 March 2014.
73. **owing to** (noun) - because of, due to, on account of.
74. **powerhouse** (noun) – a person/organisation/country with a lot of energy, power & influence.
75. **deflection** (noun) – deviation, divergence, aberration.
76. **territorial** (adjective) – local; relating to a particular territory (area/region).
77. **integrity** (noun) – unity, unification, wholeness, coherence, cohesion, togetherness, solidarity.
78. **relentlessly** (adverb) – continuously, persistently, firmly/determinedly, continuously in an intense way.
79. **footprint** (noun) – impression, effect, impact; the area affected by something.
80. **eastward** (adverb) - towards the east.
81. **incentive** (noun) - inducement, motivation, stimulus.
82. **negotiating table** (noun) – negotiations, discussions, talks.
83. **means** (noun) - method, way, medium, measure, process, procedure.

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