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Summary: World defense spending reached a record \$2.2 trillion last year. Political leaders have been congratulating themselves on the progress toward NATO's targets for members of the alliance to set aside 2% of their gross domestic product on defense. But officials focused on security say that military budgets may need to emulate Cold War spending of as high as 4% in order to deliver on the alliance's plans. If the US and its Group of Seven allies were to reach such levels, that would equate to more than \$10 trillion of additional commitments over the next decade, according to calculations by Bloomberg Economics. Related: Higher Interest Rates Are Here to Stay and If Markets Are Right About Long Real Rates, Public Debt Ratios Will Increase For Some Time. We Must Make Sure That They Do Not Explode and The Age-Old Question: How Do Governments Pay For Wars?

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