

Section 4: Foreign Policy in Action

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1. Throughout history when nations feel threatened they have signed **mutual defense alliances**: Where nations would agree to support one another in case of an attack
2. U.S. has alliances with Western Europe, the North Atlantic, Island nations, Central and South America
3. **Regional security pacts**: treaties that protect certain geographical areas

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1. 1945 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was created by the U.S. and western Europe to protect each other from the Soviet Union
2. NATO does crisis intervention and peacekeeping in other areas of the world
3. NATO expanded its membership to include countries like Russia

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1. 1947 RIO pact is signed between U.S. and Latin American countries pledging to help one another in case of attack
2. 1948 Organization of American States (OAS) is primarily concerned with promoting economic development
3. U.S. also has a regional security pact with Australia and New Zealand called ANZUS

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1. **Multilateral treaties**: international agreements signed by several nations (Examples: NATO, Rio Pact, OAS and ANZUS)
2. **Bilateral treaty**: an agreement that involves only two nations
3. These agreements provide **collective security**: or a system by which member nations agree to take joint action against a nation that attacks any one of them

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Economic aid is another benefit that American leaders can offer and serves two purposes

1. Establish friendly relations with other nations
2. Help them emerge as eventual economic partners
 - Agency of International Development (AID): is a state department agency that administers economic aid through loans and technical assistance

Slide 6:

1. Withdrawal or denial of benefits is a third diplomatic strategy
2. American lawmakers use it to show that they oppose another nation's policies
3. **Sanctions**: measures such as withholding loans, arms, or economic aid to force a foreign gov't to cease certain activities.
4. U.S. could also restrict trade