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Q2) What is NATO Plus? Should India be part of it? Provide your views on this regard with pros and cons. 150w.

NATO Plus is the grouping of NATO ~~relat~~ nations and 5 other countries - Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel and South Korea to promote deep engagements between the nations and promote peace and security.

Recently there has been a proposal by us to induce India into the grouping.

India being part of it

Pro → access to better military technology (eg Barak missile, Israel)

↳ Better intelligence gathering (eg 5 eyes intelligence)

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- Counters Chinese hegemony
eg In South China sea
- Better security prospects.
eg focus on SAGAR, Free and
Open Indopacific.

Cons of Joining

- ↳ Hampers the strategic relationship of India - Russia.
- ↳ Compromise Non Alignment Policy of India.
- ↳ Dropping into Taiwan strategy of US → possibility for military build up along India - China.
- ↳ NATO's larger geopolitical agenda may divert resources & attention away from these pressing issues.

India's priorities should be being a responsible development partner & to be focusing on regional dynamics while everywhere else the security architecture.