

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

Washington, 1949

Article 5

The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them *in Europe or North America* shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence recognised by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, *such action as it deems necessary*, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.

Any such armed attack and all measures taken as a result thereof shall immediately be reported to the Security Council. Such measures shall be terminated when the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to restore and maintain international peace and security.

Preamble

The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments. They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. They seek to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area. They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security. They therefore agree to this North Atlantic Treaty

Article 2

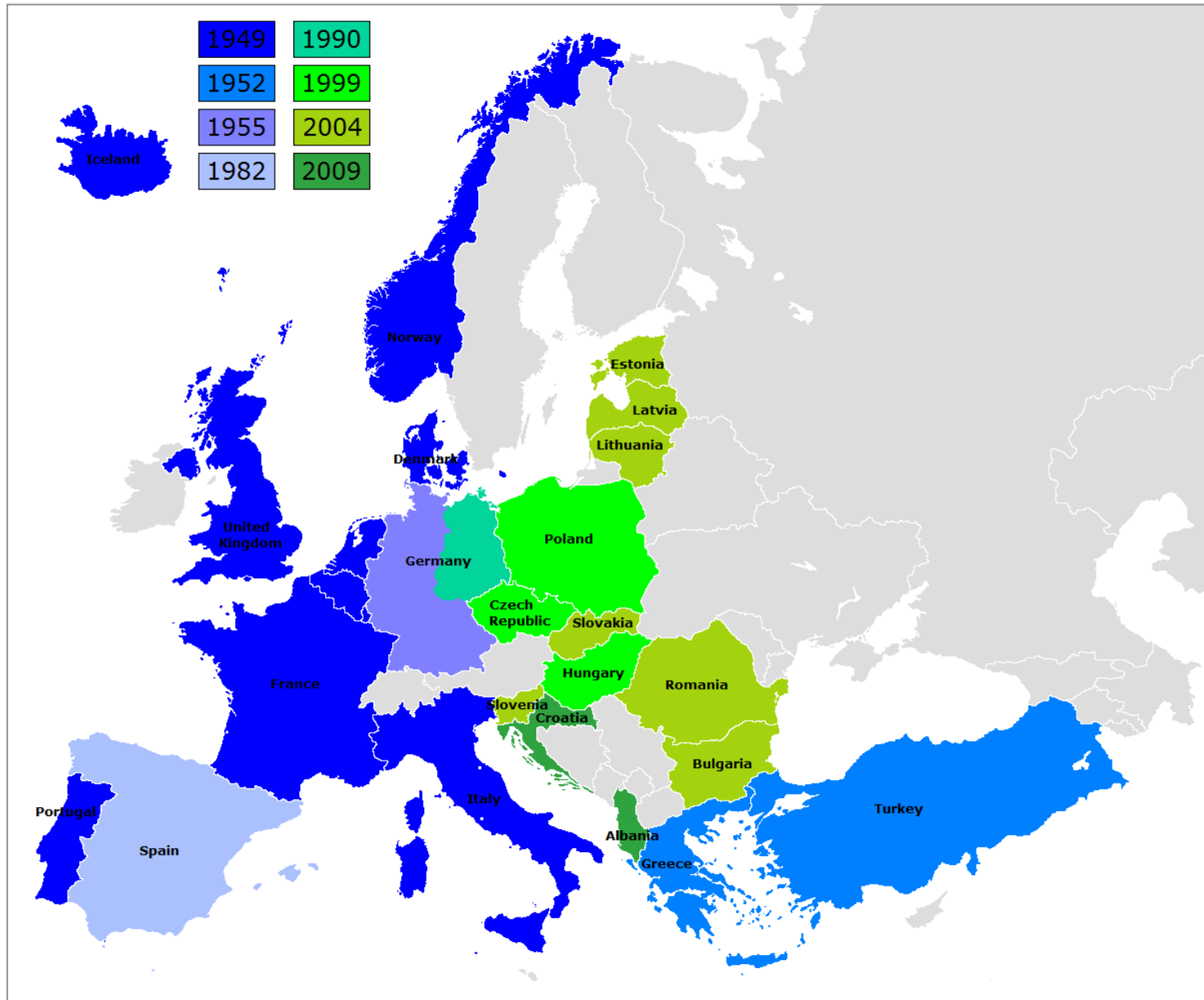
The Parties will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them.

NATO Enlargement

Article 10

The Parties may, by unanimous agreement, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of this Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede to this Treaty. Any State so invited may become a Party to the Treaty by depositing its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America will inform each of the Parties of the deposit of each such instrument of accession..

History of NATO Enlargement



NATO Military Structure

Cold War

Military Committee

- Allied Command Europe (ACE)
- Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
 - Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR)

- Allied Command Atlantic (ACLANT)
- Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT)

Post-Cold War

Military Committee

- Allied Command Operations (ACO)
- Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
 - Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR)

- Allied Command Transformation (ACT)
- Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT)

“Non-Article 5 Operations”

Article 3

In order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty, the Parties, separately and jointly, by means of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid, will *maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.*

Article 7

This Treaty does not affect, and shall not be interpreted as affecting in any way the rights and obligations under the Charter of the Parties which are members of the United Nations, or the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security.

NATO in Afghanistan



International Security Assistance Force



Troop Contributing Nations

	Albania	333		Georgia	800		Norway	515
	Armenia	126		Germany	4,701		Poland	2,420
	Australia	1,550		Greece	112		Portugal	155
	Austria	3		Hungary	339		Romania	1,800
	Azerbaijan	94		Iceland	6		Singapore	39
	Bahra in	95		Ireland	7		Slovakia	330
	Belgium	524		Italy	3,986		Slovenia	79
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	59		Jordan	0		Spain	1,596
	Bulgaria	561		Republic of Korea	350		Sweden	500
	Canada	950		Latvia	175		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	177
	Croatia	278		Lithuania	237		Tonga	55
	Czech Republic	529		Luxembourg	10		Turkey	1,272
	Denmark	676		Malaysia	46		Ukraine	23
	El Salvador	24		Mongolia	102		United Arab Emirates	35
	Estonia	153		Montenegro	39		United Kingdom	9,500
	Finland	177		Netherlands	500		United States	90,000
	France	3,279		New Zealand	152		Total	129,469

Note on numbers: Numbers of troops should be taken as indicative as they change daily.

¹ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

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Resolute Support Mission

Troop Contributing Nations



	Albania	43		Germany	644		Portugal	10
	Armenia	65		Greece	4		Romania	588
	Australia	174		Hungary	91		Slovakia	40
	Austria	9		Iceland	2		Slovenia	7
	Azerbaijan	94		Italy	827		Spain	7
	Belgium	40		Latvia	19		Sweden	23
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	55		Lithuania	13		the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	39
	Bulgaria	80		Luxembourg	1		Turkey	520
	Croatia	100		Mongolia	233		Ukraine	8
	Czech Republic	214		Montenegro	14		United Kingdom	352
	Denmark	56		Netherlands	82		United States	6,961
	Estonia	5		New Zealand	8			
	Finland	47		Norway	35			
	Georgia	861		Poland	115			
							Total	12,486

Note on numbers: The number of troops above reflects the overall contribution of individual contributing nations. They should be taken as indicative as they change daily, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the individual troop contributing nations.

- 1 Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.
- 2 See links to media backgrounder on "[A new chapter in NATO-Afghanistan relations \(February 2016\)](#)" and to media backgrounder on the [ANA Trust Fund](#).