

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.

Article 2

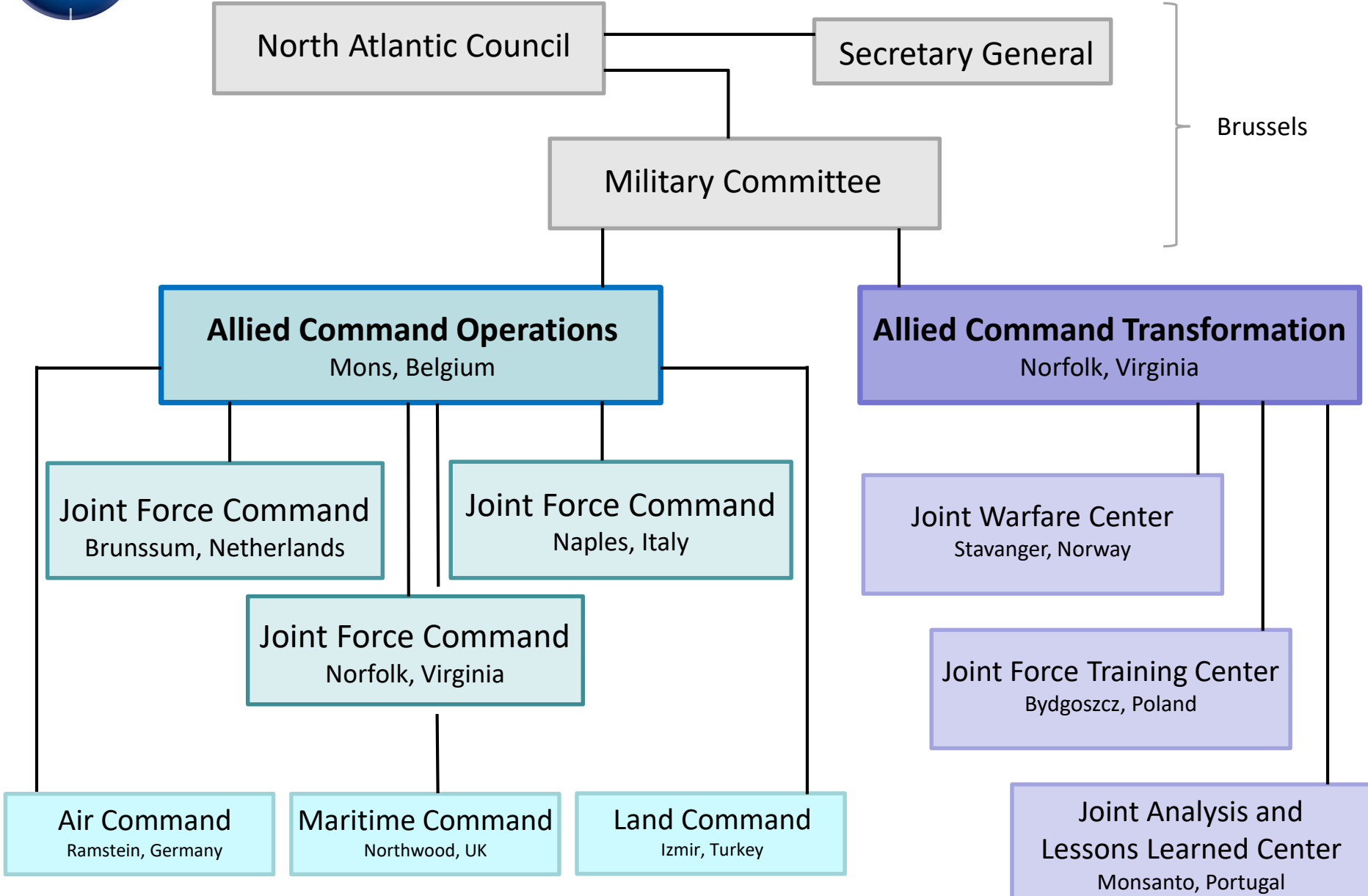
The Parties will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by **strengthening their free institutions**, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and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

Article 10

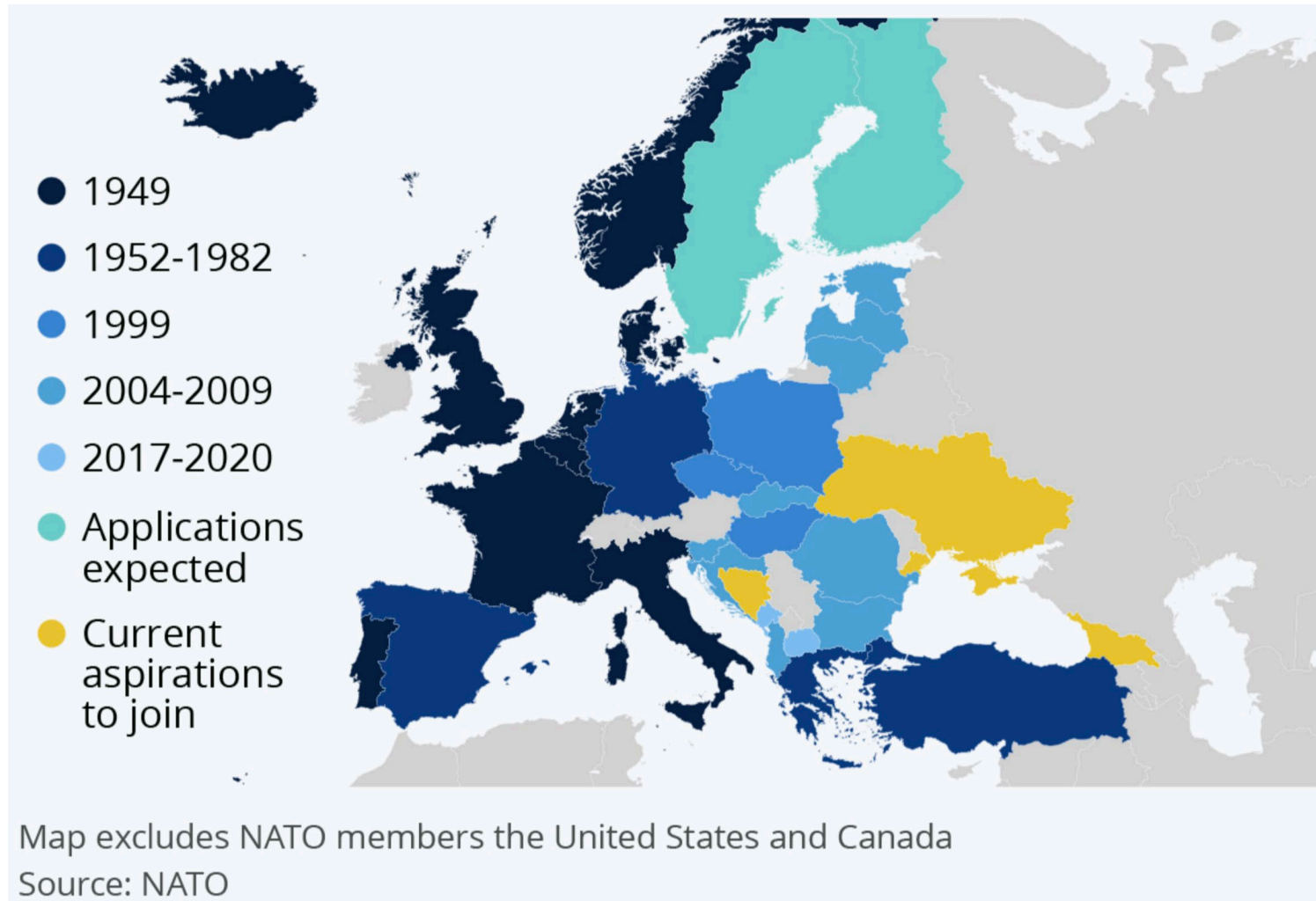
The Parties may, by unanimous agreement, invite any other European State in a position to **further the principles of this Treaty** and to **contribute to the security of the North Atlantic** area to accede to this Treaty. Any State so invited may become a Party to the Treaty by depositing its instrument 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.



NATO Military Command Structure



History of NATO Enlargement



Geopolitical Shift in Europe



1990

Geopolitical Shift in Europe



2022

U.S. and Russian Military Bases



Pro-Russian Separatist Regions



“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 Kosovo



NATO in Afghanistan



NATO over Libya

