

International organisations do not work in isolation. They complement each other to help create a peaceful environment in which economies can flourish and individuals prosper.

## THE UNITED NATIONS / UN

aims to maintain peace and security and help develop economic, social, cultural and humanitarian cooperation throughout the world. It has nearly 200 member countries and provides the legal basis for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

aims to develop democracy and human rights in Europe. It also takes measures to encourage preventive diplomacy, conflict prevention, the peaceful resolution of conflicts and disarmament.

## THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION / NATO

is a political and military organisation which contributes to security and stability through the collective defence of its members and the development of partnerships with non-NATO countries. These partnerships include countries from Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region.

## THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE / CoE

focuses on human rights, the rule of law and the respect of democratic principles. It covers all other major issues except defence.

## THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

was established in 1948 by the Treaty of Brussels to act in defence and security-related matters. Since 2000, its operational role has been transferred to the European Union and its residual responsibilities dealt with by a small political structure and secretariat.

## THE EUROPEAN UNION / EU

is striving for closer economic, financial and social integration of its members. It is also developing a common foreign and security policy and, as such, has taken over many of the functions of the Western European Union.

