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## **International Reservists Called to Unite in Fight Against Terrorism**

Brussels, Belgium – Reservists from around the world have been called to unite in the fight against terrorism, according to doctrine approved today by the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR).

As NATO's official advisory body for Reserve matters, CIOR unanimously approved "The 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2001 Reserve Doctrine," a statement describing the significant role Reserves play in the fight against terrorism.

"The doctrine calls for 'mental readiness' as a force against terrorism," said LtCol Karsten Thuen (DK), the president of CIOR. "In democratic states, members of Reserve forces form a crucial link between civil society and the profession of arms. They understand the sacrifice required in defending their countries."

The doctrine calls for specific action of Reservists:

- They should ensure fellow citizens understand terrorism knows no boundaries and the need for democratic societies to unite together.
- Reservists must spread the message that it is a privilege to live in an open, democratic society. This brings an obligation for reservists to fight terrorism.
- They should convince fellow citizens to respect, understand and provide maximum support to their international armed forces as one of the fight for democracy and against terrorism.

CIOR represents more than one million Reserve officers who serve in NATO. For more information about CIOR, visit the [www.CIOR.org](http://www.CIOR.org) or contact Karsten Thuen at +45 4567 4219.

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