

NATO Defence Area

The NATO Defence Area is defined in Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty. It covers the territories of NATO member nations in North America, in the Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer, and in Europe, including Turkey. Under Article 5 of the Treaty « an armed attack against one or more of the Parties..... shall be considered an attack against them all..... » Operating from widely-dispersed Headquarters in North America and Europe the major NATO Allied Commanders — who are responsible for co-ordinating the defensive military plans of the Alliance — maintain a state of constant vigilance throughout the whole area from Canada and the US across the Atlantic Command to the European and Channel Commands.

