

# NATO MEMBER AND PARTNER COUNTRIES

## NATO member countries

Twenty-eight members contribute to promoting security and stability through diplomatic, political and military means. They are committed to the principle of collective defence, which means that an attack against one member or more is considered as an attack against all. NATO also develops partnerships with non-NATO countries and is involved in crisis management operations and missions.

## Euro-Atlantic Partners

Partnership with non-NATO countries started as early as 1991 to help often newly independent states build a solid democratic environment, maintain political stability and modernise armed forces. Discussions on security issues of common interest take place within a multilateral forum called the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council and practical cooperation is organised with individual partner countries through NATO's Partnership for Peace programme. NATO also maintains special relationships with Russia, Ukraine and Georgia.

## Mediterranean Dialogue countries

These countries participate in a security dialogue with NATO to improve mutual understanding and contribute towards regional security through stronger practical cooperation. At present, there are seven participating countries, which can consult collectively and individually with NATO.

## Istanbul Cooperation Initiative countries

This initiative offers countries of the broader Middle East region practical bilateral security cooperation with NATO so as to contribute to global and regional security. To date, four countries have joined.

## Partners across the globe

NATO has developed bilateral relations with a number of countries which are not part of NATO's other partnership frameworks. They include countries such as Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Mongolia. They develop cooperation with NATO in areas of mutual interest and some contribute actively to NATO operations either militarily or in some other way.



<sup>1</sup> Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

<sup>2</sup> The State of Israel has designated Jerusalem as its capital. The position of the United Nations on the question of Jerusalem is contained in several Resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning this question.