



NAME : North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

DATE OF CREATION : 1949

MEMBER COUNTRIES :

Albania	Czech Republic,	Greece	Lithuania,	Norway	Slovenia
Belgium	Denmark	Hungary	Luxembourg	Poland	Spain
Bulgaria	Estonia	Iceland	Montenegro	Portugal	Turkey
Canada	France	Italy	Netherlands	Romania	United Kingdom
Croatia	Germany	Latvia	North Macedonia	Slovakia	United States

FUNDAMENTAL ROLE :

to guarantee the freedom and security of its member countries by political and military means.

SECRETARY GENERAL : Jens Stoltenberg

NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL : the top political decision-making body within NATO.

MILITARY FORCES :

NATO has very few permanent forces of its own. Once members agree, by consensus, to engage in an operation, they contribute forces on a voluntary basis.

NATO has an integrated military command structure, allowing the Alliance to implement political decisions that have military implications.

PARTNERSHIPS :

- Partnership for Peace: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- Mediterranean Dialogue: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia
- Istanbul Cooperation Initiative: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates
- Global partners: Afghanistan, Australia, Colombia, Iraq, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan
- Other international organisations: principally United Nations, European Union, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Partner countries do not have the same decision-making authority as member countries.