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### The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package

The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) aims to strengthen Georgia's ability to defend itself and advance its preparations for NATO membership. The package is composed of 16 defence and related security capacity building initiatives. It involves support for all military services and branches, advice and liaison at all levels (strategic, operational, tactical), capacity-building and training activities, and multinational exercises. As of early 2022, all NATO members and two partner countries have provided support to the implementation of the package in the form of expertise and resources.

#### **Strengthening Georgia's Defence Capacity and Capabilities across the Air and Maritime Domains**

**The Aviation Initiative** aims to enhance Georgia's aviation capabilities and enhance the ability to operate effectively with NATO Allies and partners. First launched in 2015, the Initiative's key outputs include improved civil-military cooperation, greater cross-border coordination of civil air security incidents and increased regional airspace cooperation. To achieve these outcomes, a team of NATO experts led by Turkey is working closely with their Georgian counterparts to enable their participation in NATO's Regional Airspace Security Programme (RASP). In 2021, Georgia received approval to use the Defence and Related Security Capacity Building Trust Fund to conduct a RASP feasibility study. This study will assess the status and characteristics of the relevant Georgian systems and possible interfaces for RASP, and recommend a solution to improve airspace security in Georgia and across the region.



**The Air Defence Initiative** aims to sustain and enhance Georgia's air defence capabilities, develop a NATO compatible education system and increase interagency collaboration while actively contributing to security in the Black Sea region. The Initiative, established in 2015, is led by France and implemented through periodic expert visits to Georgia.

**The Maritime Security Initiative** supports Georgia's efforts to secure and defend its territorial waters and coastline. The Initiative also serves to strengthen Georgia-NATO partnership in relation to the Alliance's deterrence and defence posture in the Black Sea region. First begun in 2015, the Initiative is implemented by a NATO advisory team led by Latvia and supported by Greece, Turkey and the United States. The NATO experts team also offers best practices and advice to the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Defence for the development of joint approaches toward the maritime domain.



Within the Initiative's scope, Georgian Coast Guard boarding teams and patrol boats have applied to the NATO Operational Capability Concept - Evaluation and Feedback programme to verify their interoperability and operational capability to contribute to the NATO Response Force, and participate in NATO-led crisis response operations and maritime security operations like Operation Sea Guardian. Georgia has deepened cooperation with NATO maritime structures and expanded participation in NATO-led, multinational and regional exercises such as Dynamic Mercy, Dynamic Master, Cutlass Express, Breeze and Sea Breeze.

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