At the NATO Summit in Madrid leaders agreed a new NATO Force Model. The NATO Force Model will deliver an Allied response at much greater scale and at higher readiness than the current NATO Response Force, which it will replace. It will provide a larger pool of high readiness forces across domains, land, sea air and cyber, which will be pre-assigned to specific plans for the defence of Allies. It will improve NATO’s ability to respond at very short notice for any contingency, and enable Allies to make more forces available to NATO on an assured basis.

Under the current NATO Response Force, Allies can make approximately 40,000 troops available at less than 15 days readiness. When fully implemented, the NATO Force Model will provide well over 300,000 troops at high readiness. The details of the NATO Force Model, including its precise scale and composition, continue to be developed. The transition to the model is planned to be completed in 2023.

- **Tier 1 Forces**
  - Well over 100,000
  - Up to 10 days

- **Tier 2 Forces**
  - Around 200,000
  - Around 10-30 days

- **Tier 3 Forces**
  - At least 500,000
  - Up to 30-180 days