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2024 MILITARY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Summary

1. The 2024 Military Budget recommended for agreement by the Council takes into account the security environment, the ceilings and the other provisions set out in the 2024-2028 Common Funding Resource Plan (CFRP).
2. NATO's Military Budget aligns with the 2022 Strategic Concept¹. The Strategic Concept describes NATO's three essential core tasks: deterrence and defence, crisis prevention and management and cooperative security. It emphasises national and collective resilience that is critical to the core tasks and underpins NATO's efforts to safeguard NATO countries, societies and shared values. It also emphasises the cross-cutting importance of investing in technological innovation and integrating climate change, human security and the Women, Peace and Security agenda across all of NATO's core tasks.
3. Over the last decade, NATO has undergone pivotal shifts. Since 2022 and the onset of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the Alliance has faced a critical time for security and international peace and stability. A series of decisions by Heads of State and Government (HOSG) at the 2021, 2022 and 2023 NATO Summits further strengthened NATO's posture in support of a new era of collective defence. This document aims to turn the Alliance's strengthened posture, priorities and HOSG decisions on common funding into action.
4. The Military Budget encompasses a number of Budget Groups that deliver capabilities and implement policies to ensure that NATO's deterrence and defence of the Euro-Atlantic Area, as well as crisis management abilities, are sufficiently well-equipped to face today's threats. The Military Budget also includes activities to promote international security through cooperation, including arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and NATO's open-door policy for all European democracies that share the values of the Alliance. Additionally, the Military Budget includes activities to support reform and transformation processes and to significantly enhance NATO's partnerships to make them more strategic, more coherent and more effective.
5. For 2024, the Budget Holders requested EUR 2,255 million of requirements, the Budget Committee screened the requested activities and have recommended a total amount of EUR 2,029 million.

¹ NATO Summit Madrid, 29 June 2022.

6. The recommended budget for 2024 takes account of uncommitted appropriations in 2023 that have been specially carried forward from 2023 to 2024, in a total amount of EUR 69.4 million that will be closely monitored during 2024 to ensure sufficiency in carrying out the agreed level of activities and missions.