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## Work Plan for Dialogue, Partnership and Cooperation

### Introduction

1. The Ambassadors of the countries represented in the North Atlantic Cooperation Council (NACC), in fulfilment of the request by Ministers at the inaugural NACC meeting in Brussels on 20 December 1991 to develop a more institutional relationship of consultation and cooperation, have agreed to the following work plan beginning in 1992. The number and levels of activities to be implemented in 1992 are indicative, subject to review once the NATO budgets for 1992 are approved. The topics and activities listed in this plan reflect a dynamic process which will evolve through practice. The work plan could, if necessary, be revised by the Ambassadors or under their authority.
2. Our work will encompass two aspects: intensified consultations on the part of the Central and Eastern European countries with the North Atlantic Council, NATO's various specialized committees, and the Military Committee; and a range of cooperative activities. Both aspects are designed to promote dialogue, partnership and cooperation on security and related issues. The topics we have listed for political consultation are described in general terms to permit all participants to raise political and security related issues of concern or interest to them.
3. In both aspects of our work, we will base ourselves on the NACC Declaration of 20 December 1991, as well as the [Rome Declaration](#) of the NATO Heads of State and Government of 8 November 1991 and the [Communiqué](#) of NATO Foreign Ministers of 19 December 1991. The focus of our consultations and cooperation will be on security and related issues, such as defence planning, conceptual approaches to arms control, democratic concepts of civilian-military relations, civil-military coordination of air-traffic management, the conversion of defence production to civilian purposes and enhanced participation in NATO's "Third Dimension" scientific and environmental programmes. We will also cooperate actively in disseminating as widely as possible information about NATO in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, inter alia through diplomatic liaison channels and embassies of NATO member countries.
4. NATO Allies have committed themselves to providing appropriate resources to finance our cooperative activities. NACC cooperative activities are agreed by the NACC partners; they may involve the participation of all or only some of them.

Accordingly, some activities may be funded by individual nations.

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### **Political And Security Related Matters**

#### *Topics:*

- Political and security related matters
- Conceptual approaches to arms control and disarmament

#### *Activities:*

- Consultations of the Political Committee with cooperation partners, including as appropriate with experts, as a rule every two months

### **Defence Planning Issues And Military Matters**

#### *Topics:*

- Principles and key aspects of strategy including crisis management, defensiveness, sufficiency and flexibility
- Issues of defence planning
- Force and command structures
- Military contribution to conceptual approaches to all arms control and disarmament issues
- Views on military exercises
- Democratic concepts of civilian-military relations
- Planning, management and analysis of national defence programmes and budgets
- Concepts and methods of training and education in the defence field

#### *Activities:*

- Consultations of the Military Committee in a cooperation session at Chief of Staff level, and other MC meetings with the cooperation partners and consultations in other appropriate fora
- Military contacts including high-level visits, staff talks and other exchanges
- Participation by cooperation partners in special and/or regular courses at the NATO Defence College and at the NATO School (SHAPE) at Oberammergau

### **Defence Conversion**

#### *Topic:*

- Defence conversion, including its human dimension

*Activity:*

- Defence Conversion Seminar organised by the Economic Committee, inter alia with a view to identifying the possibility of further cooperation in this field

## **Economic Issues**

*Topic:*

- Interrelationship of defence expenditure and budgets with the economy

*Activities:*

- Consultations of the Economic Committee in sessions reinforced by experts with cooperation partners every three months
- Economics Colloquium on External Economic Relations of cooperation partners
- Defence Economics Workshop

## **Science**

*Topic:*

- Enhancement of participation of cooperation partners' scientists in NATO science programmes

*Activities:*

- Meeting of the Science Committee with counterparts from cooperation partners' countries once a year
- Attendance at Advanced Study Institutes and Advanced Research Workshops (800 scientists from cooperation partners' countries)
- Participation in the Collaborative Research Grants Programme (40 grants)
- Proceedings of NATO's Scientific Meetings to a central library in each cooperation partner's country
- Intensive courses in cooperation partners' countries (30 courses)
- Visits of experts to cooperation partners' laboratories (8 visits)
- Linkage between NATO and cooperation partners' laboratories (10 grants)

- Science Committee Seminar on the mobility of scientists

## **Challenges Of Modern Society**

### *Topics:*

- Defence-related environmental issues
- Pilot studies of interest to cooperation partners

### *Activities:*

- Meeting of the Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society with counterparts from cooperation partners' countries once a year
- Seminar on the military role in environmental protection
- Participation of cooperation partners' experts in pilot study meetings
- Pilot study of defence base clean-ups
- Pilot study on protecting civil populations from toxic material spills during movements of military and other dangerous, defence-related goods
- Pilot study on existing cross-border environmental problems emanating from defence-related installations and activities

## **Dissemination of Information**

### *Topic:*

- Dissemination of information about NATO in the countries of cooperation partners

### *Activities:*

- A meeting of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations (CICR) with cooperation partners
- Information about NATO will be disseminated as widely as possible in the countries of cooperation partners, inter alia through diplomatic liaison channels and embassies of NATO member countries
- Visits to NATO by selected groups (46 groups)
- Sponsorship of a number of cooperation partners' representatives to attend seminars in Allied countries (50 representatives)
- Co-sponsorship with cooperation partners of one major seminar
- NATO speakers' tours to cooperation partners' states (9 tours)
- Limited expansion to 60 fellowships of Democratic Institutions Fellowships programme
- Special issue of NATO Review with focus on

- cooperation partners
- Increased dissemination of NATO documentation in cooperation partners' states

### **Policy Planning Consultations**

*Topic:*

- A mid- and long-term foreign and security policy issue; such an issue might include the formulation of foreign policy in a democratic state

*Activity:*

- A meeting of NATO's Atlantic Policy Advisory Group with cooperation partners

### **Air Traffic Management**

*Topic:*

- Civil/military coordination of air traffic management

*Activity:*

- A seminar with participation of cooperation partners to follow up the October 1991 CEAC Seminar, inter alia with a view to identifying the possibility of further cooperation in this field

