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“NATO and the Challenges of Global Security”

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What NATO has Done for OIF



- **Operation Active Endeavor:**
 - Escort ships through Straits of Gibraltar.
 - Preparatory work for countermine operations in western Med.
- **Defense of Turkey (Patriots/AWACS/Air Defense).**
- **Support for Polish Multi-National Division:**
 - Communications (Equipment and training).
 - Logistics planning.
 - Force Generation.



What NATO Nations Have Done for OIF

- **27 Mar 03: 12 NATO Allies in 49-nation coalition.**
- **MND Central South:**
 - **Poland:** MND Command, Inf Brigade.
 - **Spain:** Brigade.
 - **Hungary:** Transportation Battalion.
- **MND-SE:**
 - **UK:** MND Command, Mech Brigade, Logistics Brigade.
 - **Italy:** Police Battalion, Eng Regiment, Mech Inf Battalion.
 - **Norway:** Engineering Company.
 - **Netherlands:** Marine Battalion.



Strategic Challenges to NATO Support in Iraq

- **Political opposition.**
- **Command & Control relationship:**
 - Importance of military ops remaining under Coalition C2.
 - NATO forces under political control of NAC.
- **Cultural obstacles.**



Possible Courses of Action for NATO in Iraq

- **Provide “Polish MND-like” support to other Allies.**
- **Accept Allies’ force contributions under Coalition C2.**
- **Establish NATO multinational division.**
- **NATO HQ to replace a US Corps HQ?**
- **Identify separate missions for OIF and NATO forces.**
- **NATO focus: Iraq or Afghanistan?**



Global Coalition Building

- **The Problem:**
 - Requirement in numerous locations, nearly simultaneously.
 - No single, cohesive approach to coalition building exists.
 - Coalitions require great deal of support.
- **The Solution:**
 - Establish periodic (every 6 months) interagency/multi-national review of upcoming (next 2 years) requirements.
 - Identify requirements early.
 - Set priorities.
 - Match capabilities of likely coalition members.
 - Consider political limitations.