

Joint, Interagency and Multinational Integration of SOF for Defense, Diplomacy and Development



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New Strategic Concept*

“NATO is not just the world’s most successful military and political alliance, it is also the only organization of its kind. NATO is a unique and indispensable contributor to global security and it’s continued effectiveness should be a matter of urgent concern to us all.”





NATO SOF





Communiqué Language and the NSHQ

- At the November 2006 Riga Summit, the NATO SOF Transformation Initiative (NSTI) was unveiled as part of the summit communiqué:

“The adaptation of our forces must continue. We have endorsed a set of initiatives to increase the capacity of our forces to address contemporary threats and challenges. These include...The launch of a special operations forces transformation initiative aimed at increasing their ability to train and operate together, including through improving equipment capabilities.”

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NSHQ Mission

NSHQ is the primary point of **development, direction and coordination** for all NATO Special Operations related activities in order to **optimise employment** of Special Operations Forces, to include providing an **operational command capability** when directed by SACEUR.

Tasks

Advise NATO on SOF employment
Strengthen the NATO SOF Component
Engage nations and partners
Develop a secure SOF network
Develop SOF policy, doctrine and standards

Support capability generation
Support education and training
Support force generation
Provide a deployable C2 capability



NATO Special Operations Headquarters

NSHQ, SHAPE



SOF Training Campus



- 3-star HQ
- 24+ nations
- ~150 staff
- Growing to 215



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NSHQ - Effect

- An established SOF identity in NATO
- ISAF SOF enabled, and effective
- Enduring transformation of interoperability and capability in NATO SOF
- A secure SOF network as the basis for more to come...

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NATO SOF - Realities

- National SOF versus NATO SOF
- Different approaches
- Language
- Ability to share, and the culture to do so
- Money

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So What?

- Realise the Strategic Concept, especially in respect of Military Assistance
- Challenge interagency assumptions
- Enhance our capabilities to share, manage and exploit information
- Define minimum essential SOF enabling capabilities, and consider novel ways to provide them
- Promote interoperability



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