



NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence Lessons Learned Branch



Subject: ACT - RFS 20#042 / NATO COVID-19 LL Campaign.

ODCR FORM

TITLE: NATO Comprehensive Response Plan to assist its Members and Partners.

OBSERVATION:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NATO provided credible and effective deterrence and defence. Due to NATO ability to conduct operations, its forces remained ready, and its crucial work goes on.

NATO is also a platform for sharing information and best practice among Allies but also to provide military and police assistance to its allies and partners. Allies continue to stand together and support each other in this pandemic, through different NATO arrangements, as well as bilaterally. Allied armed forces across the Alliance are also playing an essential role in supporting national civilian efforts.

DISCUSSION

Allied armed forces are playing a vital role in supporting national civilian responses across the Alliance. This support includes logistics and planning, field hospitals, the transport of patients, disinfection of public areas, and at border crossings. Moreover, NATO Comprehensive response plan includes all NATO capabilities in which Stability Policing might play a relevant role in partnering with the law enforcement agencies of the Allies and Partners when they are affected by the pandemic outbreak.

Through such a capability within the Alliance, the NATO members and partners might request the Alliance's support in terms of SP expertise for assisting in identifying ways that NATO might provide any support within their Nations, focusing mainly on a possible support to military and police forces involved in countering the pandemic challenges.

CONCLUSION

The NATO Comprehensive response plan adopted for the COVID19 outbreak highlights that NATO might play a crucial role in the field of crisis management, in which NATO SP capability can be requested by NATO Members or Partners for assisting them in identifying ways that NATO might provide any support within their Nations, focusing mainly on a possible support to military and police forces involved in countering the pandemic challenges.

RECOMMENDATION

Considering that biological threat and natural/manmade disasters are emerging future challenges, NATO should adopt effective measures to counter these threats. SP might play a crucial role in the field of crisis management, by assisting the NATO Members and Partners in identifying ways that NATO might provide any support within their Nations, focusing mainly on a possible support to military and police forces involved in countering the pandemic challenges.