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After Libya – The Future of NATO Operations

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Synopsis

NATO operation in Libya has brought to the fore several challenges for the Alliance. When deliberating the mission, NATO members had to consider whether and how to intervene to protect civilian population in Europe's close neighbourhood at a time when a demanding and costly mission in Afghanistan was still going on. Operation Unified Protector also highlighted deep changes in the southern neighbourhood of European NATO members. At first sight, the 'Arab spring' should be welcomed by the Euro-Atlantic community as a process of change from stale, rigid autocracies towards democracy, freedom and protection of human rights. But at the same time, Europe weighs the security implications of these processes and fears the instability which could follow, as Libya aptly demonstrated.

The Libyan mission underlined another key challenge - that of limited resources. With the concept of 'Smart Defence' being one of the key topics of the upcoming NATO summit in Chicago, the uneasy balance between capacity for action and capacity for bearing the costs remains an issue of utmost importance. Last but not least, Libya once again opened the question of internal balance within the Alliance. For European NATO members, to lead the operation proved demanding. The declared U.S. pivot to Asia-Pacific promises further shifts in burden sharing. The question of future cohesion of the Alliance and the capacity of its European members to take greater responsibility for its fate is now wide open and needs to be carefully assessed.

The Association for International Affairs (AMO) intends to address the aforementioned issues during an international roundtable **After Libya: The Future of NATO Operations**. It aspires to provide an impartial and independent ground where distinguished policy-makers, diplomats and prominent experts can engage in a discussion on NATO's prospects, especially in the context of the changes in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The discussions will focus on the implications of the 'Arab spring' for the Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, the outlook for NATO activities in the region, the concept of 'Smart Defence' and the impact of U.S. strategic reorientation towards Asia-Pacific.

Tomáš Karásek,

Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs

Panels

Panel I: NATO and the ‘Arab Spring’: Opportunity or Threat?

The ongoing changes in the Arab world are transforming the relations between Europe and Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. Will these developments strengthen European security and the influence of the Euro-Atlantic community, or cause new problems NATO will have to face? Was the operation in Libya the first example of NATO’s new engagement in the region, or rather an exceptional situation? What is the potential of NATO relations to the ‘new’ MENA?

Panel II: Frugal, Yet Active? Challenges of ‘Smart Defence’

Last year NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen introduced the concept of ‘Smart Defence’ which should help NATO members reduce their defence burden while not hampering their capabilities and enhancing the coherence of the Alliance. Will the member states be able to coordinate their actions and pool their resources? What other challenges lie ahead for ‘Smart Defence’?

Panel III: Shifting Internal Balance and Prospects of a Leaderless Alliance

President Obama made it clear that the changes in global balance of power force the U.S. to cede, at least occasionally, its leading position in NATO to its Allies. The mission in Libya can thus be regarded as a test case, and studies accordingly. Is the concept of a ‘leaderless Alliance’ sustainable in practice? Will the U.S. continue supporting it? If so, what would be its long-term implications for the Alliance? Are the European member states comfortable with the new arrangement, and can they take greater responsibility for NATO and the defence of the continent?

Programme

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 - 9:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks:

Tomáš Karásek, Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

David Konecký, Director of Common Foreign and Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

9:45 - 10:00 PRESENTATION

AMO Research Center's Policy Paper on NATO-MENA relations

**10:00 - 11:30 PANEL I: NATO AND THE 'ARAB SPRING':
OPPORTUNITY OR THREAT?**

Chair:

Tomáš Karásek, Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Speakers:

Gülnur Aybet, Senior Lecturer, University of Kent, United Kingdom

Zora Hesová, Research Fellow, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Claire Spencer, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs - Chatham House, United Kingdom

11:30 - 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

**11:45 - 13:15 PANEL II: FRUGAL, YET ACTIVE?
CHALLENGES OF 'SMART DEFENCE'**

Chair:

František Šulc, Chief of Advisors, Cabinet of the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic

Speakers:

Bastian Giegerich, Senior Researcher, Bundeswehr Institute of Social Sciences / International Institute for Strategic Studies, Germany / United Kingdom

Alessandro Marrone, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy

Jean-Pierre Maulny, Deputy Director, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques, France

13:15 - 14:30 BUFFET LUNCH

Program

14:30 - 16:00

PANEL III: SHIFTING INTERNAL BALANCE AND PROSPECTS OF A LEADERLESS ALLIANCE

Chair:

Jan Jireš, Director, Prague Centre for Transatlantic Relations, CEVRO Institute, Czech Republic

Speakers:

Dana Allin, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Affairs, International Institute for Strategic Studies, United Kingdom

Michael Gaul, Senior Advisor at the Emerging Security Challenges Division, NATO, Belgium

Marcin Zaborowski, Director, Polish Institute for International Affairs, Poland

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Gülnur Aybet is Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Kent at Canterbury and Visiting Professor at the Izmir University of Economics in Turkey. Prior to that she was Public Policy Scholar and Southeast Europe Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C., worked at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies (RUSI) and held visiting scholarships at the Centre for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies at John Hopkin's University and at St Antony's College, Oxford University, where she also is Senior Associate Member of the College. Her area of expertise covers transatlantic relations, with special reference to NATO and the EU. She has authored the following books: 'A European Security Architecture after the Cold War: Questions of Legitimacy' (2000), and 'The Dynamics of European Security Co-operation, 1945-1991' (1997, 2001) and co-authored 'NATO in Search of a Vision' (2010).

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Speakers

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