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## NATO Air Chiefs Meet In Ramstein

### Challenges For NATO Identified



**Ramstein (ang).** Not only the security and the protocol services of NATO's Air Headquarters in Ramstein had to put in extra hours when on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 5 October 2006, Air Force Commanders from 25 NATO nations were visiting the Palatinate. Experts from the hosting Allied Air Component Command Ramstein (CC-Air HQ Ramstein) and other NATO agencies identified and discussed future developments and challenges for the Alliance's air forces.

Late in the afternoon on Wednesday, the guests met for informal talks in the relaxed atmosphere of a dinner. The actual official talks began the following morning: Agenda items included the situation of Air Policing and the efforts involved in the modernisation of the associated NATO-wide uniform Air Command and Control System (ACCS).

Discussions also centered around the situation of the ISAF air component in Afghanistan. NATO's task in that country is to provide assistance to Afghan security forces. In this process, the Ramstein-based NATO air command provides command and control for all air missions. Another topic was the status of the NATO Response Force (NRF). The Air Chiefs discussed establishments as well as logistics and how to ensure a consistent training standard of what is NATO's expeditionary force. Several other items completed the agenda of the conference, which regularly takes place once a year.

The photo shows the Conference participants in front of the main entrance to the new headquarters building.

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