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## The NATO Response Force



In the present complex security environment NATO's capability to react to crises swiftly and flexibly is of particular importance. The NATO Response Force (NRF) provides NATO with the necessary capabilities. The NRF is required to stand up and deploy at short-notice in response to contingencies spanning the entire spectrum of military missions. The concept envisages the deployment of an initial entry force to any crisis area worldwide within five

days. The joint force as a whole will then be able to sustain itself in a Joint Operations Area for 30 days. At present the rotation cycle of force elements on standby is six months, i.e. new forces will relieve elements after that period. This would be impossible without the capabilities of earmarked NRF units, which enable them to rapidly deploy into the area of operations and to ensure supply and sustainability of the deployed forces. Within the Alliance's air forces, both the operational air components and air force operational logistics are faced with extraordinary challenges. Due to the inherent flexibility of air power air forces have a unique importance for the NRF.

### CC-AIR HQ Ramstein's participation

From July 2006 until June 2007 Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein is going to assume responsibility for the NRF's Air Component Command. The HQ's primary responsibility is to provide leadership to air forces the NRF mission. However, in non-critical times, this also means that the Headquarters must plan, coordinate and prepare for how to support NRF missions.



Depending on the respective NRF mission, the daily tactical sorties can cover the whole spectrum of air operations. Whatever the mission, an overall logistic support must always be provided in-theatre. Deployment, movement, follow-on support, ammunition transport and storage, POL support, clothing, repair of materiel, specialised logistic tasks such as accommodation and messing, troops welfare items, field post services, water supply, waste disposal, casualty and KIA services and CIS support – these are just some of the logistic services that are to be planned. "Which type of and how much logistic combat support will the NRF ACC operational modules need?" - that is the question that needs to be answered. Details of the required support will have to be determined and coordinated with the nations bidding for the respective air units.

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