NATO MULTINATIONAL BRIGADE IN LATVIA

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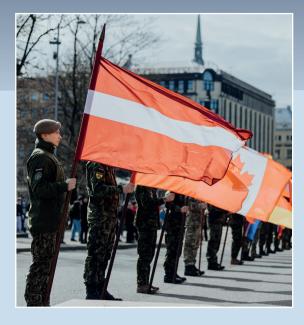REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

PURPOSE OF NATO:

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) purpose is to guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means in order to strengthen the democratic values and solve conflicts in a peaceful manner.

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- In 2016, the NATO summit in Warsaw confirmed an agreement on the presence of Allied forces in Poland and the Baltic states by establishment of the NATO Multinational Battlegroup.

- The aim of the establishment and deployment of the NATO Multinational Brigade is to demonstrate NATO's solidarity and determination to defend its Allies against any form of aggression, to facilitate NATO's deterrence and to strengthen the defences of the Alliance.

- On 19 June 2017, an official ceremony took place in the Camp Ādaži, welcoming the initial NATO Multinational Battlegroup Latvia.

- 2024 marked the launch of the NATO Multinational Battlegroup's upgrade to brigade level and the establishment of the new NATO Multinational Brigade in Latvia, which will consist of more than 3,500 troops.

- Brigade build-up aims to be completed in 2025. By 2026, Canada will complete the full implementation of persistently deployed Brigade capabilities to Latvia.

- In 2024 the NATO Multinational Brigade in Latvia consists of: Albania, Czech Republic, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Canada – the Brigade's leading country in Latvia. Currently Sweden is planning to join the Brigade.

STRENGTHENING LATVIA'S DEFENCE

- 2024 marks seven years during which the NATO Multinational Brigade's member states and their soldiers have facilitated and strengthened the security of the Latvian people.

- On a daily basis, soldiers of the NATO Multinational Brigade participate in a joint military exercises together with the National Armed Forces of Latvia, therefore improving interoperability with Allies in order to meet the challenges of the security environment.

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