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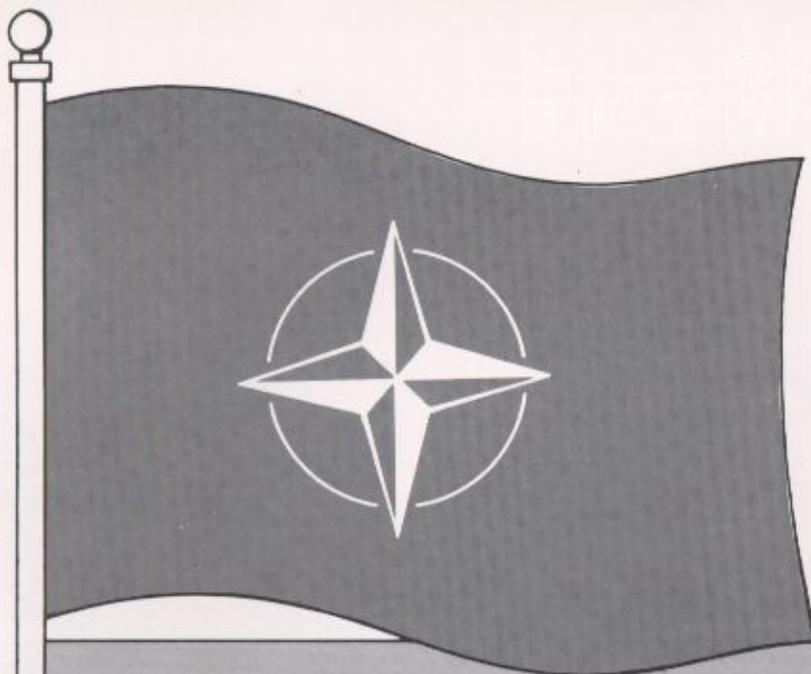
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Principles of NATO Logistics

- + Economy of logistics forces is the most fundamental of the logistics principles.
- + Efficient and economical use of logistics power can only be effected through cooperation and collaboration by member nations.
- + Logistics interdependence requires that each nation satisfy its own and other nations' logistics requirements equally.
- + Provision of logistics resources is a national responsibility.
- + Determining logistics requirements to achieve optimum standards of readiness and a credible deterrence is a NATO responsibility which is based upon integrating the various needs expressed to NATO by national commanders.
- + Multinational logistics is a NATO responsibility.
- + Logistics practices must be identical in peace and war.
- + Standardization of materiel and services should be attained.
- + Interoperability must compensate for any lack of standardization of materiel and services.
- + Logistics information must be fully and reliably exchanged within NATO.
- + Constant and satisfactory logistics readiness must be maintained.
- + Logistics plans must be based on updated combat operational plans and must be immediately convertible to combat logistics operations at the moment of enemy attack or threat.
- + Mobility and dispersion must replace voluminous static storage of combat supplies and equipment.
- + All NATO logistics facilities must be configured for passive defense in peacetime to assure survivability in war.
- + Duplication of common logistics functions within the Alliance must be minimized.
- + Logistics procedures should be standardized and made harmonious to provide flexibility between nations in logistics support of NATO forces.

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