

## Final Project Research Paper Milestone I:

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

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## *Milestone I*

### *Subject choice*

For this project, I will be conducting my research on the peacekeeping operations conducted by NATO.

### *Abstract*

This research paper will conduct a comprehensive examination and analysis of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) in the context of peacekeeping and peacebuilding. The study will trace the development, goals, successes, and failures of NATO, incorporating the topics and elements this course covered in evaluating NATO's role promoting international security and stability.

The research utilizes a mixed-methods approach, including literature reviews, political risk analysis, and case studies to investigate NATO's peacekeeping and peacebuilding role and impact on the evolving global environment. Analyzing primary and secondary sources provides insights into NATO's contributions and challenges while achieving their members shared defense objectives.

This research's anticipated outcomes include comprehensively understanding NATO's historical evolution as a defense alliance and their collective engagement in crises management, conflict prevention, and post-conflict reconstruction. The study will examine NATO's military capabilities, political cohesion, and partnership approach to evaluate their effectiveness in peacekeeping missions.

Moreover, the research will explore NATO's efforts in peacebuilding, capacity-building, institution-building, and supporting democratic governance. Highlighting their efforts to address

challenges such as members sharing burdens, divergent national interests, and adaptation to emerging security threats based on threats of terrorism and other evolving world crises.

This paper will contribute to existing knowledge on NATO's role in peacekeeping and peacebuilding, and provide recommendations based on lessons learned from past operations enhancing NATO's future engagement in conflict prevention, crises management, and post-conflict reconstruction.

### Conclusion

This research paper will comprehensively provide analyses of NATO's contributions, challenges, and potential areas for improving peacekeeping and peacebuilding. While examining NATO's role thoroughly, this study will inform policymakers, scholars, and practitioners' effective strategies for promoting global peace and security.

### *Outline*

#### **Milestone 1**

##### *Topic Selection*

The peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts of NATO.

##### *Abstract*

I have covered in my abstract what will appear in my paper. Generally, the paper is written first, then the abstract. The abstract is a summarization of the paper, the problems it covers and the results it found. Instead, my abstract will be a breakdown of what the paper will seek to learn given the paper is not finished yet.

##### *Outline*

#### **Milestone 2**

### *Literature Review*

This section will contain my review of each of my chosen Literature or documents that I have found on my subject line. I will break down each source and cover the key findings, concepts, and developments from each of them.

### *Supporting Tables/Charts*

This section will show any graphs or tables that I will create based on the data I have found. There will be a minimum of 3 of them.

### *Introduction*

This section will be the introduction to my paper. It will have my thesis topic and a basic explanation of what will be covered. It will go more into depth of the efforts NATO has put in towards peacekeeping and peacebuilding around the world, what they have accomplished, how they have failed, and what we can learn from their efforts.

## **Milestone 3**

### *Political risk analysis*

This part of the paper will cover the political risk NATO faces as a result of their peacekeeping efforts. I will make recommendations based on the results of the research into NATO's peacekeeping efforts in order to lower or eliminate as much risk as possible. To do this, I will cover the different states' government responses, their political motivations, and the results and consequences they have created. I will make recommendations on how they can improve their mission success rate and, hopefully, ways to reduce cost of both resources and lives lost for them and those they seek to protect to improve their political risk in their peacekeeping efforts.

## **Milestone 4**

## *Final Paper*

### **Mission Successes**

In this section I will discuss the peacekeeping efforts of NATO that are viewed as successes.

### **Mission failures**

In this section I will discuss the different missions and why they are viewed as failures.

### **Impacts of Peacekeeping**

This section will discuss the impact NATO's peacekeeping efforts have has on the states within NATO, those receiving the assistance, and their global impact from the peacekeeping efforts.

### **Conclusion**

This section will give the final determination of the information collected and why I have taken the stance I have on NATO and their choices and methodology of peacekeeping.

## **Milestone 5**

### *Research*

In this section I will post my project to my online portfolio, and I will share all of my research I gathered for my paper.

