Legal Advisors Worktop
Functional Area System – LAWFAS

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NATO Countries

7 NNN PfP Countries

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LAWFAS – You can find us @

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LAWFAS – What is it?

- Is a web portal, based on SharePoint, that creates a connected and interactive community of NATO and national legal offices to support, facilitate and improve legal support for the Alliance in its operations and activities;

- LAWFAS has become the only legal tool at the International, Operational and Managerial branches

- Supported and maintained by a team of two people – an international lawyer and a SharePoint Administrator;

- Provides the only organized searchable repository of legally significant NATO documents (5,000+ and growing); and

- Transforming the provision and support of NATO legal advice.

- Number of users:
  - Unclassified Network: 850
  - NATO Secret Network: 205

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### LAWFAS – The Three Pillars

The goal of LAWFAS is to capture relevant documents, facilitate document researches and ensure an easy access to all relevant information NATO-wide, as a Repository.

LAWFAS is an interactive tool, which provides legal support to NATO and Member States and Universities, acts as a **Paralegal On-Line Service**.

**Legal Clinic** with the universities (Roma Tre and Paris Pantheon Sorbonne) and research institutions on topics of interest:

- **Autonomous Weapons** and **Humanitarian Access in Non-International Armed Conflicts** (2018 Roma Tre)
- **Detention in NIAC** and **Updated Commentaries to the 1949 Conventions (I) and (II)** (2019 Roma Tre)
- **Theory of Implied Powers in International Organizations and Subsidiary Organs in NATO Operations and Missions** (2019 Paris)
The HQ SACT and SHAPE Legal Offices are the two repositories of international agreements signed by, or on behalf of, HQ SACT, SHAPE, or any constituent element (Bi-SC Directive 15-003 Preparation and Control of International Agreements)

The Office of the ACO/SHAPE Legal Advisor is currently the custodian of the original versions of international agreements which are in force.

These documents are stored in CRIA and in LAWFAS.
The Central Repository of International Agreements (CRIA) is located inside the NATO ACO Office of Legal Affairs and LAWFAS Team is responsible for this service.

- Keep the hard copies of all International Agreements between SHAPE and nations
- Maintain a digital service of all of these documents

In CRIA you may find the following documents:

- MOUs, MOAs, TAs, NOJs, NOAs, MWAs, EOLs, etc.

Preparing and providing certified true copies is also a task for LAWFAS Team.
LAWFAS – RAP

• LAWFAS is part of the **NATO Readiness Action Plan (RAP)** and considered as a Minimum Military Requirement (MMR);

• LAWFAS is providing support to **NATO Force Integration Units (NFIUs)**, the Multinational Corps North-East (MNC-NE) and the Multinational Division South-East (MND-SE);

• This new concept have led to the creation of new NATO Legal Offices and, consequently, the number of users have been increased;

• Concerning **RAP**, LAWFAS has been gathering all policy documents;

• Due to the restricted classification of the policy, most of these documents are available on the **NATO Secret**
• The Legal architecture of the RAP comprises more than 2000 legal acts concluded by RAIO in order to enable SACEURs Area of Responsibility for the movement of troops.

**Architecture includes:**
- SA (Supplementary Agreements) to Paris Protocol (1952)
- HNS (Host Nation Support) MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding)
- VJTF (Very High Readiness Joint Task Forces) TAs (Technical Arrangements)
- New HQs founding documents
- Notes of Accession
- Statements of intent

**LAWFAS supports the RAIO in storing all the documentation**
How the home page is organized…
LAWFAS – You can find there...

• **Documents:**
  - **Treaties:** North Atlantic Treaty, NATO SOFA, Paris Protocol…
  - **Agreements:** HNS, MOUs, SAs, Garrison Support Arrangements (GSAs), Base Support Arrangements (BSA)
  - **Directives:** ACO, ACT, Bi-SC Directive
  - **Standing Operations Procedures** (SOPs)
  - **Policies**
  - **STANAGs**

• **Workspaces:**
  - EU-NATO
  - Protection of Civilians
  - Refugee Crisis
  - Gender Workspace
  - Roma Tre – Legal Clinic

• **Libraries:**
  - Hybrid Warfare
  - Conferences and Courses
  - Legal Gazette and Ops Newsletter
  - RAP – Readiness Action Plan

• **Lists**
  - **Useful Links**
    - LAWFAS Selection
    - International Organizations
    - National Repositories
    - Research Institutions and Journals
    - International Databases

• **Calendar Events**
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY (1949)

THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments.

They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.

They seek to promote stability and well-being in the North-Atlantic area.

They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective

Le Traité de l'Atlantique Nord

Les États parties au présent Traité, réaffirmant leur foi dans les buts et les principes de la Charte des Nations Unies et leur désir de vivre en paix avec tous les peuples et tous les gouvernements.

Déterminés à sauvegarder la liberté de leurs peuples, leur héritage commun et leur civilisation, fondés sur les principes de la démocratie, les libertés individuelles et le règne du droit.

Soucieux de favoriser dans la région de l'Atlantique Nord le bien-être et la stabilité.

Résolus à unir leurs efforts pour leur défense collective
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GSA BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND SHAPE

The purpose of this GSA is to define the scope of support to be ... dated 02 May 2006. 1-2. This GSA is concluded under the authority ... in SHAPE Compound. 1-4. This GSA is developed pursuant to guidance ... and Standards. 1-5. Nothing in this GSA is to be construed as ...
Authors: Act See Legad Johnson Jessica Date: 09/09/2014 Size: 1MB
https://lawfas.hq.nato.int/RC/Basic documents/GSA_BEL_SHAPE.pdf

Garrison Support Arrangement
between
the Kingdom of Belgium
and
Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)

GSA ROU 2NSB.pdf
1-3. The Participants to this GSA are the Ministry of National ... Concept. 1-5. Nothing in this GSA is to be construed as authority ... to OCM E/2nd NSB. In case this GSA or the references identified in ... For the purposes of this GSA it may also include any NATO Command ...
Authors: Baquerozo Victoria Date: 20/07/2016 Size: 454KB
https://lawfas.hq.nato.int/ACOLO/Main Documents/GSA's/GSA ROU 2NSB.pdf View duplicates

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STANAG's Home Page

Standarization Agreements (STANAGs) are records of agreements among several or all member nations to adopt similar procedures. The NATO Standardization Agency (NSA) is responsible to initiate, coordinate, support and administer standardization activities conducted under the authority of the NATO Committee for Standardization (CNS). The NSA pursues this mission with two types of standardization documents: Standardization Agreements (STANAGs) and Allied Publications (APs).

In order to check current published STANAGs please click below:

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24 August 2004

NSA/0831-NAV/1008

STANAG 1008 NAV (EDITION 9) – CHARACTERISTICS OF SHIPBOARD ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS IN WARSHIPS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY NAVIES

References:

a. AC/141-D/750 dated 28 June 2001 (Edition 9) (Ratification Draft 1)
b. MAS/59-NAV/1008 dated 21 February 1994 (Edition 8)

1. The enclosed NATO Standardization Agreement which has been ratified by nations as reflected in the NATO Standardization Document Database (NSDD), is promulgated herewith.

2. The references listed above are to be destroyed in accordance with local document destruction procedures.
LAWFAS Links Home Page

In this site you can find several interested links organized by five categories:

LAWFAS Selection, International Organizations, National Repositories, Research Institutions and International Databases

AWFAS Selection

- NATO Multimedia Library
- NATO Legal Deskbook
- Legal Gazette Home Page
- LAWFAS How To
- LAWFAS Friendly User Guide
- Fight Against Terrorism – Conceptual Framework
- Phone Directory
- US Army JAG School
- STANAGs

National Repositories

- USA – United States Department of Defense
- USA – Treaty Office – US Department of State
- USA – Office of Foreign Assests Control – OFAC
- UK – Treaties Online – FCO
- NLD-Military legal Journal

Research Institutions and Journals

- IACHR – Loyola Law School – Los Angeles
- Centre for Human Rights – University of
LAWFAS Home page provides a significant amount of important information to the users

- The “Calendar Events” advertises upcoming conferences, courses, workshops and other events of interest
LAWFAS – Request for Info (RFI)

- If you are looking for information which is not yet offered on LAWFAS, please do not hesitate to create a request for info.
- The lawyers specialized in NATO matters will provide you a feedback.
- You can follow up your requests by using My Requests. Your requests are handled privately and are not visible by other users.
- In addition you can always email or call us
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  - Register yourself to get access to the portal
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- Cable
- Upcoming APP

All LAWFAS users can access the information (Basic Legal Documents, Agreements, Policies, Directives, Current NATO Topics, etc.), anywhere, anytime, by using commercial internet. LAWFAS is a legal platform sponsored by the ACO Office of Legal Affairs that assists, facilitates and improves legal support for NATO in its operations and activities. Do not hesitate to join us in order to explore further issues in our functionality.

NOTE: ONLY UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON LAWFAS UNCLASSIFIED

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    • “LAWFAS Privacy Notice Consent”
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