



# Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System – LAWFAS

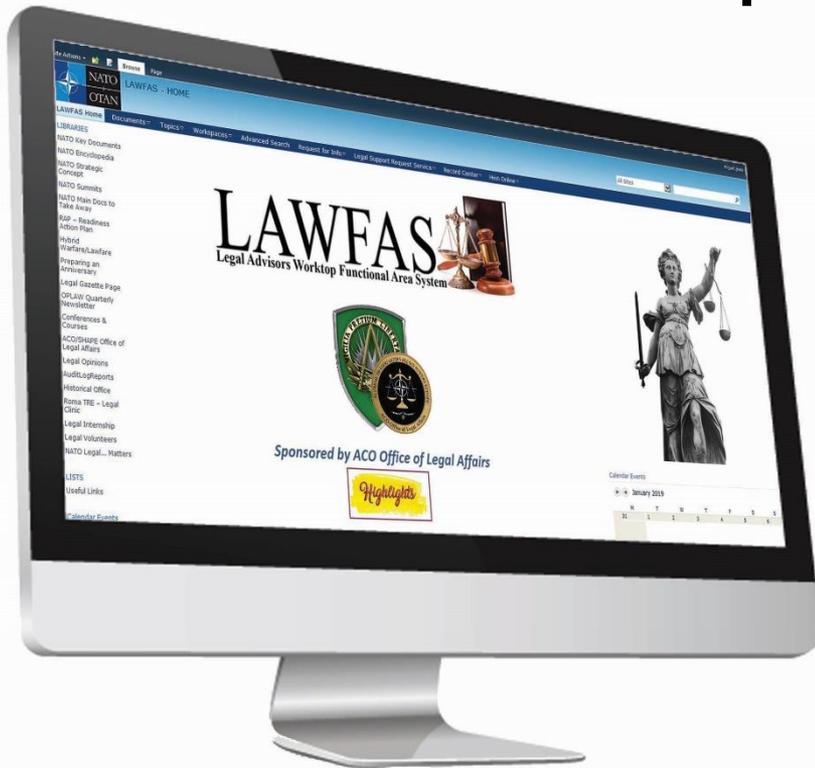
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#WEARENATO

## Legal **A**dvisors **W**orktop **F**unctional **A**rea **S**ystem

Join and explore... with a simple click



# LAWFAS

Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area Systems



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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: 865
  - NATO Secret Network: 205

# 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)



- How the home page is organized...

The screenshot shows the LAWFAS Home Page with a blue header and a white sidebar. The main content area features the title 'LAWFAS Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System' with a scale of justice and a gavel. Below the title are two logos: the ACO logo and the ACO Office of Legal Affairs logo. A 'Sponsored by ACO Office of Legal Affairs' banner is present. On the right, there is a statue of Lady Justice and a 'Calendar Events' section for January 2019.

**LIBRARIES**

- NATO Key Documents
- NATO Encyclopedia
- NATO Strategic Concept
- NATO Summits
- NATO Main Docs to Take Away
- RAP – Readiness Action Plan
- Hybrid Warfare/Lawfare
- Preparing an Anniversary
- Legal Gazette Page
- OPLAW Quarterly Newsletter
- Conferences & Courses
- ACO/SHAPE Office of Legal Affairs
- Legal Opinions
- AuditLogReports
- Historical Office
- Roma TRE – Legal Clinic
- Legal Internship
- Legal Volunteers

**LISTS**

- Useful Links
- Calendar Events
- Request for Info
- Admin Pages

**LAWFAS**  
Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System

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*Highlights*

**Calendar Events**

January 2019

M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5

# 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:**

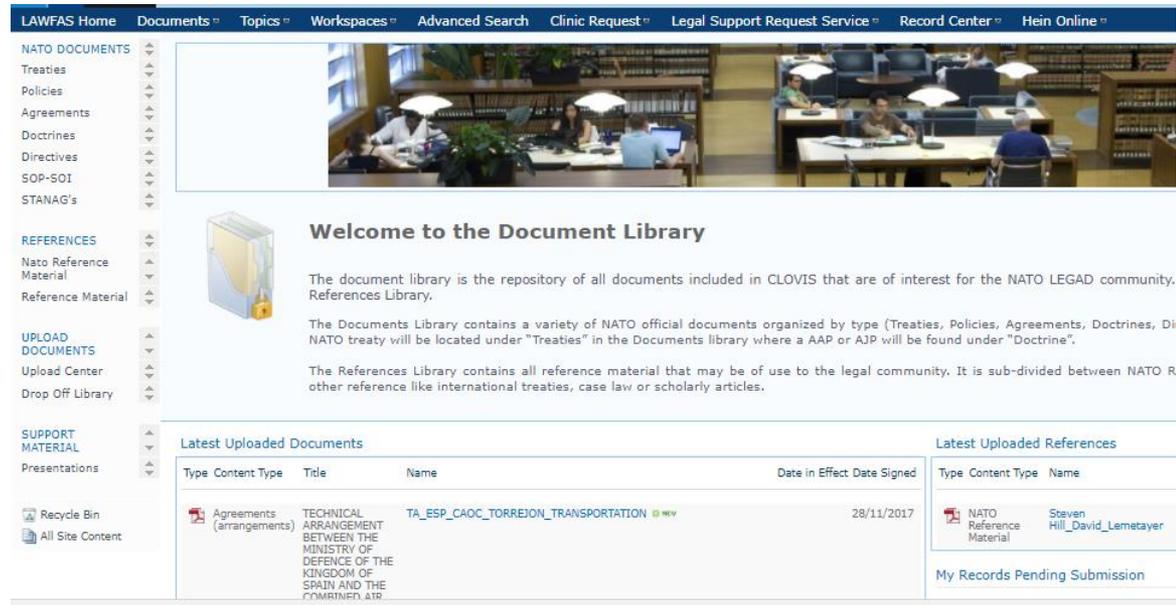
- **Hybrid Warfare/Lawfare**
- **Conferences and Courses**
- **Legal Gazette and Ops Newsletter**
- **RAP – Readiness Action Plan**

- **Lists**

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

- **Calendar Events**

- Clicking on “Documents” will bring you to our Document Library, the repository of all documents included on LAWFAS that are of interest to the Legal Community.
- “NATO Documents” comprise a variety of NATO official documents organized by type (Treaties, Policies, Agreements, Doctrines, Directives, SOP/SOI, STANAG’s).
- The Latest Uploaded Documents and Latest Uploaded References on the Document Library homepage.



The screenshot shows the LAWFAS Document Library homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: LAWFAS Home, Documents, Topics, Workspaces, Advanced Search, Clinic Request, Legal Support Request Service, Record Center, and Hein Online. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a library interior. To the left of the banner is a sidebar menu with categories: NATO DOCUMENTS (Treaties, Policies, Agreements, Doctrines, Directives, SOP-SOI, STANAG's), REFERENCES (Nato Reference Material, Reference Material), UPLOAD DOCUMENTS (Upload Center, Drop Off Library), and SUPPORT MATERIAL (Presentations). Below the sidebar are links for Recycle Bin and All Site Content. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Document Library' section with a brief description and a 'Latest Uploaded Documents' table. The table has columns for Type, Content Type, Title, Name, Date in Effect, and Date Signed. A single document is listed: 'Agreements (arrangements)' with title 'TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE COMRADED ATR' and name 'TA\_ESP\_CAOC\_TORREJON\_TRANSPORTATION'. To the right, there is a 'Latest Uploaded References' section with one entry: 'NATO Reference Material' with name 'Staven Hill\_David\_Lemetayer'. At the bottom right, there is a link for 'My Records Pending Submission'.

Type	Content Type	Title	Name	Date in Effect	Date Signed
Agreements (arrangements)		TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE COMRADED ATR	TA_ESP_CAOC_TORREJON_TRANSPORTATION		28/11/2017



## THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY - WASHINGTON TREATY

**THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY (1949)** **THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY** Le Traité de l'Atlantique ... and well-being in the **North-Atlantic** area. Soucieux de favoriser dans ... They therefore agree to this **North Atlantic Treaty**: Se sont mis d'accord sur le ...

Authors: Mertens, Dirk Civ Bel Nshq Date: 08/03/2016 Size: 33KB

<https://lawfas.hq.nato.int/RC/Basic documents/1949 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TREATY.pdf>

## **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 Etats 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

# LAWFAS – You can find there...

## [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](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)

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Garrison Support Arrangement (GSA)  
Between  
THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF ROMANIA (ROU MoND)  
and  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED POWERS EUROPE (SHAPE)  
regarding  
Base Support to DEPLOYABLE COMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS MODULE E/2<sup>nd</sup> NATO SIGNAL  
BATTALION/NATO CIS GROUP (NATO DCM E/2<sup>nd</sup> NSB –  
BUCHAREST/ROMANIA)

## [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/2<sup>nd</sup> NSB. In case this **GSA** or the references identified in ... For the purposes of this **GSA** it may also include any NATO Command ...

Authors: Baquerizo, 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

Standardization 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 administrate standardization activities conducted under the authority of the NATO Committee for Standardization (NCS). 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:*



NATO STANDARDIZATION DOCUMENT DATABASE



NATO STANDARDIZATION AGENCY  
AGENCE OTAN DE NORMALISATION



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*

### LAWFAS 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

International Organizations



### National Repositories

- USA – United States Department of Defense
- USA – Treaty Office – US Department of State
- USA – Indigenous Law Portal – Library of Congress
- USA – Office of Foreign Assets 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 – Calendar Events



LAWFAS Home page provides a significant amount of important information to the users

Calendar Events

September 2019

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		International Round Table on current				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		International Military Course on Law of Armed Conflict (San Remo, Italy)				
		ESIL Annual Conference 2019 "Sove				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		International Military Course on Law of Armed Conflict (San Re				
		3rd 'Silent leges inter arma?' conference (Grand H				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Advanced course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) (San Remo, Italy)				
		NATO Military Police Junior Officer Course 2019 (Bydgoszcz (Pc				
		Conference on Operational Maritime Law 2019 (Mi				
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Targeting Course (San Remo, Italy)				
		M4-93-B-19 Host Nation Support Course (Oberammergau, Ger				
+ Add						

- 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
  - [Jose.dasilvamiguel@shape.nato.int](mailto:Jose.dasilvamiguel@shape.nato.int) – +3265446354; 254-6354; +32491726800
  - [Borja.montestosciano@shape.nato.int](mailto:Borja.montestosciano@shape.nato.int) – +3265447599; 254-7599



Request Info >>



Title *	<input type="text"/>
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- **ACCESS TO LAWFAS Unclassified Network & Commercial Internet**
  - **Do you have an official email address?**  
If yes, I kindly ask you to go to:
    - <https://lawfas.hq.nato.int>
  - **Choose the first option:**
    - Register yourself to get access to the portal
  - **Fill in all the mandatory fields**
    - Click on “Register”
    - Your account will be created soon



The screenshot shows the LAWFAS login interface. At the top left, there is the NATO OTAN logo and the text 'LAWFAS'. Below this, a message reads: 'Please provide your username and password to sign in.' followed by a key icon. There are two input fields: 'User name:' and 'Password:'. A blue 'Sign In' button is positioned to the right of the password field. Below the input fields, there is a red circle around the text 'Register yourself to get access to the portal.' and two links: 'Click here to change your password.' and 'Click here if you forgot your username/password.'

# LAWFAS – Unclassified Network



- ***WHERE CAN YOU HAVE ACCESS? (LAWFAS Unclassified)***
- Wherever you are...



- With different devices...



- As soon as you have internet connection
  - Wifi
  - Data (3G or 4G)
  - Cable

All LAWFAS users can access the information (Basic Legal Documents, Agreements, Policies, Directives, Current NATO Topics, etc.), anywhere, anytime, by using **commercial internet**. **However we kindly recommend you to AVOID accessing LAWFAS within insecure networks, like for example: Airports, Shopping Centers, Free Internet Access Points, etc.** This 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**

**NATO Unclassified**

# LAWFAS – Do not forget!



ISSUES	CLARIFICATIONS
To request an account	LAWFAS account can ONLY be created with an official email adress (INT; MOD; PT; CZ; EDU etc.)
Senior Legal Name	Is the name of your supervisor/chief; In case you hold that position, write your name;
End of tour/duty	Date when your mission will be completed
The system generates an email for the users whose accounts are almost expired	<p>Please take these emails in consideration, otherwise your account will be disable and your access will be denied</p> <div>  </div>

## Privacy **LAWFAS** notice

- When you request an account (NATO Unclassified Network and Commercial Network)
  - LAWFAS administrator will receive your request
  - After that, a message will be sent for you, with the:
    - “LAWFAS Privacy Notice Consent”
  - If you agree with the “LAWFAS Privacy Notice”, please do not forget to answer that message by mail
  - Only after your consent, your account can be created.

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