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Exercise COOPERATIVE OSPREY 2001

The Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (SACLANT) General William F. Kernan, announced today that approximately 150 military personnel from 19 nations will participate in a multinational NATO Command Post Exercise in Canada next month. Exercise COOPERATIVE OSPREY 2001 will be conducted from 1-9 March at the Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Clementsport, Nova Scotia.

The aim of this exercise is to conduct a United Nations mandated, NATO-led Command Post Exercise designed to improve the interoperability of participating nations, and to train military personnel from partner nations in NATO peace support operations. Participants will become familiar with NATO mission analysis and other NATO procedures. The exercise will also practice and further integrate partner nations to promote greater mutual understanding and cooperation among all countries through the use of a computer-assisted training environment.

Six NATO nations (Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States of America) are expected to participate together with thirteen partner nations (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, and the Ukraine). Three Mediterranean Dialogue nations will participate as military observers (Algeria, Jordan, and Mauritania).

Partnership for Peace is an initiative that brings NATO and partner nations together in a vast program of joint defence and security-related activities. It was launched in 1994 with the goal of increasing stability and security throughout the Euro-Atlantic area.

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Contact the PPC Press Information Centre at (902) 638-8611 ext 118 and visit the COOPERATIVE OSPREY 2001 website at <http://www.cdnpeacekeeping.ns.ca>

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<http://www.dnd.ca>