

What is the Munich Security Conference (MSC)?

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About Munich Security Conference (MSC)

- It is the world's leading forum for debating international security policy.
- Objective: To build trust and contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts by sustaining a continuous, curated, and informal dialogue within the international security community.
- It has been held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany, since 1963.
- The conference is held annually in February. The venue is the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich, Bavaria, Germany.
- It is a venue for diplomatic initiatives to address the world's most pressing security concerns.
- It brings together security experts, and politicians, military leaders, and the defense industry from around the world.
- MSC regularly convenes high-profile events on particular topics and regions and publishes the Munich Security Report, an annual digest of relevant figures, maps, and research on crucial security challenges.

Key Facts about North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- It is a transatlantic security alliance of 31 like-minded North American and European countries.
- It was established by the North Atlantic Treaty (also called the Washington Treaty) on April 4, 1949.

- Aim: To protect peace and to guarantee the territorial integrity, political independence, and security of the member states.
 - Article Five of the treaty: If an armed attack occurs against one of the member states, it should be considered an attack against all members, and other members shall assist the attacked member, with armed forces if necessary.
 - This article forms the core of the Alliance, a promise of collective defense.
 - Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
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Q1) What is the North Atlantic Treaty?

The North Atlantic Treaty is the treaty that forms the legal basis of, and is implemented by, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The treaty was signed in Washington, D.C., on 4 April 1949. NATO states are committed to sharing the risks and responsibilities as well as the benefits of collective security.

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