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During the past year NATO has been intensively considering its future role for the coming decade. I denote it in this way, because this type of discussion usually covers approximately ten years. Strange as it may sound, this points to stability, and this at a time in which global power relations are changing rapidly. In theory this could lead to nervousness, but there seems to be none of that in NATO.

NATO’s discussion this time was not about ‘traditional’ security – political and military – but was more about security in a broader sense, including natural resources, energy, food, climate, and piracy, et cetera.

For the outcome of the recent discussions, I refer you to the December 2010 issue of *Atlantisch Perspectief*. There is not much revolution within NATO. There is, however, enough evolution to stay up to date. This indicates the existence of good working methods and adequate responses to changes in global relations that are fundamental and happen surprisingly quickly.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association follows these developments on NATO’s heels, not as a player or as a participant, but to inform the general public in the right way about what is going on and how it influences transatlantic relations, as NATO remains of great importance to stability and security in the world.

This ‘proper’ supply of information and society’s reactions to it are of major importance to preserve and strengthen support for transatlantic cooperation. NATO is an alliance of countries. The support and dedication of NATO member states, their governments and their parliaments is essential, but is not enough alone. The dedication of NATO societies is also of major importance. Anchoring NATO in the Dutch mindset: that is the way to strengthen the basis of support, and that is vitally important. That is the core business of the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ recent thorough and professional evaluation of our work concluded that the Netherlands Atlantic Association is doing well, but that of course there is also room for improvement, especially with regard to broadening our target groups with younger generations. Very good! The Netherlands Atlantic Association has responded positively to this, and rightly so. Fortunately, Netherlands Atlantic Youth is doing well. And let’s not forget the education activities that are also indirectly targeted at young people.

The Annual Report paints a clear picture of what the Netherlands Atlantic Association does, both with respect to content and organisationally. What it does not mention, however, and with which I would like to conclude, is how all of this work can be undertaken thanks to the impressive dedication of volunteers and of our small, but very motivated staff, led by Bram Boxhoorn. We are very grateful to them.

Piet Bukman
Chairman, Netherlands Atlantic Association
January 2011
Since its institution in 1952, the Netherlands Atlantic Association has been providing information on transatlantic security issues and promoting the study of issues such as relations between Europe and the United States, NATO and European security. In this way, the Association hopes to further public discussion on all such issues.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association organises national and international conferences, seminars, panel discussions and lectures for specific groups. Among the target groups are patrons of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, politicians, civil servants, journalists, diplomats, university lecturers and students. Other important target groups are teachers and secondary school pupils.

The Association is also active in the field of publishing. Its publications include Atlantisch Perspectief [Atlantic Perspective], the Association’s magazine, conference and study reports and educational brochures. The Association has library and documentation facilities at its disposal that can be consulted freely.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association works together with government institutions, non-governmental organisations, scientific and political institutions in the Netherlands and abroad, and on an ad hoc basis with the business community. This (international) cooperation enables the Association to organise a variety of national and international conferences.

Finally, the Netherlands Atlantic Association initiates and supports the development of others’ activities (for example, students) in the fields of national and international security, and advises on the organisation and implementation of projects.

2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The activities of the Netherlands Atlantic Association are supported by both ad hoc and permanent committees. The Atlantic Education Committee, for instance, develops projects for secondary education. A second permanent committee is Netherlands Atlantic Youth, which organises activities that are focused on students and young professionals.

The independence of the Netherlands Atlantic Association is safeguarded by the organisation’s Board, which includes representatives of major political parties and experts on transatlantic relations and security policy as its members.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association is a member of the Atlantic Treaty Association - the umbrella organisation for the more than 40 Atlantic councils, which work in each of NATO’s member states and most of the Partnership for Peace countries.
The Netherlands Atlantic Association wishes to express its gratitude to all individuals and institutions that have assisted the Association in its activities during 2010.

A vote of thanks is owed to the institutions, businesses and individuals that supported the Association financially in 2010. Without the contributions of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence, the Association would not have been able to carry out its activities. NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division, the US Embassy in The Hague, Avans University, Fontys University, the Netherlands Defence Academy, and, of course, the private patrons of the Netherlands Atlantic Association also contributed greatly to our conferences, public meetings, seminars, publications and other activities.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association is very grateful to the Dutch Permanent Representation to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Dutch consulate in New York, as well as the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Utrecht for providing material contributions in connection with the Association’s programmes in 2010. The Netherlands Atlantic Association hopes to continue its fruitful cooperation with these organisations in the future.

3 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In 2010, The Netherlands Atlantic Association is also indebted to the many speakers at its conferences and other meetings, and to the authors who contributed to Atlantisch Perspectief and to other publications.

The activities of the Netherlands Atlantic Association are carried out in cooperation with many organisations, both at home and abroad. Regular contact is maintained with the Dutch Foreign Affairs and Defence Ministries, with Dutch diplomatic missions abroad, and with the embassies of OSCE countries in The Hague.

In 2010, the Netherlands Atlantic Association cooperated with the following organisations: the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV), the US Embassy in The Hague, the Atlantic Treaty Association, Avans University, the Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’, the German Embassy in The Hague, Felix Meritis, Fontys University, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), Windesheim University, JASON Foundation, the Royal Netherlands Society for Military Art and Science (KVBK), NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division, the Netherlands Defence Academy (NLDA), NHL University, Nyenrode Business University, the Dutch United Nations Student Association in Leiden, and the University of Amsterdam.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD

Representatives of major political parties, as well as experts in the fields of transatlantic relations and security policy, are represented on the Board and the Executive Committee (which is part of the Board) of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. The Executive Committee and the Board meet at least twice and three times a year respectively.

CHANGES

In 2010 there were several changes in the composition of the Board of the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

In January, Hans van Baalen (delegation leader of the Liberal Party (VVD) in the European Parliament) stepped down as vice-chairman of the Board. Atzo Nicolaï (Foreign Affairs spokesman of the Liberal Party (VVD) in the Second Chamber of Parliament) succeeded him as member in the Executive Committee. Brendan Troost stepped down on 1 January as chairman of Netherlands Atlantic Youth. He was succeeded by Djörn Eversteijn.

In February, Han ten Broeke (Defence spokesman for the Liberal Party (VVD) in the Second Chamber of Parliament) joined the Board. He succeeded Arend Jan Boekestijn who had stepped down in November 2009.

In May, Arie van der Vlis (former Chief of Defence Staff) and Joël Voor dewind (Foreign Affairs and Defence spokesman for the Christian Union (CU) in the Second Chamber of Parliament) stepped down from the Board.

Finally, in November, Mostafa Hilali (a major in the Royal Netherlands Army) joined the Board.

On 31 December 2010 the Executive Committee was composed as follows:

- Piet Bukman, Chairman
  Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee of the Christian Democratic Party (CDA); former Chairman of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament
- Monika Sie Dhian Ho, Deputy Chairman
  Director, Wiardi Beckman Foundation
- Frank van den Heuvel, Secretary
  Executive Secretary, Delta NV
- Harry Groen, Treasurer
  Mayor of Noordwijk
- Norbert Both
  Speechwriter, Global Editorial Services, Shell International BV
- Angelien Eijsink
  Defence spokesperson for the Social Democratic Party (PvdA), Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament
- Maarten Haverkamp
  Foreign Affairs spokesman for the Christian Democratic Party (CDA), Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament

On 31 December 2010 the members of the Board included:

- Atzo Nicolaï
  Foreign Affairs spokesman for the Liberal Party (VVD), Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament
- Otte Beeksma, Observer for the Ministry of Defence
  Deputy Director of Information and Communication, Ministry of Defence
- Henk Swarttouw, Observer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  Director of Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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  Foreign Affairs spokesman for the Christian Democratic Party (CDA), Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament
On 31 December 2010 the management of the Netherlands Atlantic Association was composed as follows:

- Bram Boxhoorn
  Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association; Director, Strategic Studies Foundation

4-3 SECRETARIAT

The work of the Secretariat of the Netherlands Atlantic Association involves both the preparation and implementation of policy. The staff of the Secretariat organise public meetings, seminars, conferences, and other activities. They also maintain the website, edit the Association's publications, and manage their production and distribution. Furthermore, the Secretariat assists the study and work groups.

There were several changes in the Secretariat's composition in 2010.

On 1 January Janneke Suiskind joined the Secretariat as Project Manager for Education and Youth.

On 1 August David den Dunnen stepped down as Editor of Atlantisch Perspectief. He had accepted a position as lecturer at The Hague University. David den Dunnen had worked at the Secretariat since 2003, first as a staff member and since December 2006 as an editor. He was succeeded by Maarten Katsman.

From 1 September until 31 October Djörn Eversteijn worked as a temporary staff member at the Secretariat.

On 31 December 2010 the Secretariat was composed as follows:

- Niklaas Hoekstra
  Head of Secretariat
- Janneke Suiskind
  Project Manager for Education and Youth
- Maarten Katsman
  Editor of Atlantisch Perspectief
- Margreet Smit-Geerling
  Management assistant

Students from various Dutch universities provide valuable assistance with the Secretariat's work. In 2010 the following interns worked with the Netherlands Atlantic Association:

Marlies Bitter (Utrecht University); Raimond van Engelen (Utrecht University); Arno Hamar de la Brethonière (University of Amsterdam); Geert Klein Wolterink (Leiden University); Renée Konings (Leiden University); and Agnieta van der Plaat (Utrecht University).

4-4 ATLANTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Atlantic Education Committee (AOC) develops activities for secondary education within the framework of the aims of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. The AOC tries to promote interest in security-related issues by organising meetings and publishing educational material. Its members include representatives of three teachers’ organisations, namely the Netherlands Association for Teachers of History (VGN), the Netherlands Association for Teachers of Social Studies.
(NVLM) and the Royal Netherlands Geographical Association (KNAG).

The Atlantic Education Committee organises conferences, (regional) seminars and study trips for teachers from secondary schools (see Activities in 2010). Cooperation with the teachers’ organisations often makes it possible to issue post-graduate certificates following these educational activities. The Netherlands Atlantic Association has a database of some 2,600 teachers and school departments that are kept informed of the various activities of the Atlantic Education Committee.

Under the auspices of the Atlantic Education Committee, the Netherlands Atlantic Association regularly issues educational publications. In so-called ‘web sheets’, background information about topical international developments is given. Questions and assignments are also part of the web sheets.

There were no changes in the composition of the Atlantic Education Committee in 2010.

On 31 December 2010 the Atlantic Education Committee was composed of the following members:

- Hans Luyendijk, Chairman
  Headmaster, Dalton School, The Hague
- Bram Boxhoorn, Secretary
  Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- Harry van den Berg
  Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography at the Institute for Teacher and School, Nijmegen
- Anne-Marit Dannijns
  Senior Lecturer of Social Studies, Institute for Teacher Education, Rotterdam University
- Trudy Elsenaar-Tijsze
  Former Chairperson, Central Directorate of Public Education, Zaanstad; former Chairperson, Royal Netherlands Geographical Association (KNAG)
- Tanja Groenendijk-de Vos
- Theo Hoebink
  Teacher of Geography, Katholieke Scholengemeenschap Etten-Leur (KSE)
- Jacques Kriens
  Representing the Netherlands Association for Teachers of Social Studies (NVLM); teacher of Social Studies, De Nassau Scholengemeenschap, Breda
- Paul Lemmens
  Representing the Netherlands Association for Teachers of History (VGN); teacher of History, De Nassau Scholengemeenschap, Breda
- Frederik Oorschot
  Representing the Royal Netherlands Geographical Association (KNAG); staff member of the Netherlands Institute for Curriculum Development (SLO), Enschede
- Robert de Oude
  Teacher of History and Social Studies, Walburgcollege, Zwijndrecht
- Jos Roozenbeek
- Louis Vloedbeld
  Teacher of History and Politics, CSG Dingstede, Meppel

4-5
EDITORIAL BOARD OF
ATLANTISCH PERSPECTIEF

Atlantisch Perspectief [Atlantic Perspective] is the magazine of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. It appears eight times a year and devotes attention to (current) developments in international politics and the field of security (an overview of articles published in English in 2010 can be found in section 7-6 of this Annual Report).

The Editorial Board of Atlantisch Perspectief consists of an Editor, an Editorial Advisory Board and an International Advisory Board.

There was one change to the Editorial Board in 2010: on 1 August, Editor David den Dunnen was succeeded by Maarten Katsman.

On 31 December 2010 the Editorial Board of Atlantisch Perspectief was composed as follows:

Editor

- Maarten Katsman

Advisory Board

- Bram Boxhoorn, Chairman
  Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- Niklaas Hoekstra, Senior Editor
  Head of Secretariat, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- Kees Homan
  Adviser, Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme, Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’, The Hague
- Joris Janssen Lok
  Thales Nederland BV
Since 2005 the Netherlands Atlantic Association has endowed a chair in Modern Transatlantic Relations at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Amsterdam. This chair was held by Ronald Havenaar from 1 May 2005 until 1 September 2008.

In October 2009 Marianne van Leeuwen was appointed as his successor. Since 2003 she has worked for the General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands (AIVD) as a senior policy adviser.

On 17 September 2010 she gave her Inaugural Lecture – ‘Peace as a Side Goal: America, Europe and the Middle East Peace Process’ – in the Main Hall of the University of Amsterdam.

At the request of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, Hugo Klijn (Senior Research Fellow at the Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme) is writing a study on Russian perceptions towards the West (‘Russia: Our Unknown Neighbour’) and is studying the question of how these perceptions block future cooperation. This study will be published during the course of 2011.

Since 2006, Netherlands Atlantic Youth has been a subcommittee of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. It aims to increase awareness among students and young professionals and to involve them more in common transatlantic security issues. Netherlands Atlantic Youth is a platform for dialogue on the future of NATO, not only for young people in the Netherlands, but also for those in other NATO and Partnership for Peace countries. In order to meet these goals, Netherlands Atlantic Youth organises various national and international events that are aimed at a young audience (from 18-35 years), and it does so in cooperation with various partner organisations.
The Board of Netherlands Atlantic Youth underwent several changes in 2010. On 1 January Brendan Troost stepped down as Chairman. He was succeeded by Djörn Eversteijn. Kees Kouwenhoven (Secretary), Menno Donia and Maarten Katsman stepped down from the Board; and Rowinda Appelman, Sabrina Brandt and Lieke Sniekers joined the Board.

On 31 December 2010 the Board of Netherlands Atlantic Youth consisted of:

- Djörn Eversteijn, Chairman
- Christa Verhoek, Secretary
- Rowinda Appelman
- Sabrina Brandt
- Femke van Paasschen
- Lieke Sniekers

4-9 STRATEGIC STUDIES FOUNDATION

The Strategic Studies Foundation is an independent organisation that was established to take care of the Netherlands Atlantic Association’s scholarly activities. The Foundation’s goals are to initiate and support scholarly research on security-related issues. From May 1999 until February 2008, Rob de Wijk was Professor, by special appointment, of Strategic Studies at Leiden University, a chair established and endowed by the Foundation.

In April 2009 Julian Lindley-French was appointed as his successor for a period of five years. Mr Lindley-French is, among other things, the Eisenhower Professor of Defence Strategy at the Netherlands Defence Academy in Breda.

On 31 December 2010 the Board of the Strategic Studies Foundation was composed as follows:

- Piet Bukman, Chairman
- Monika Sie Dhian Ho, Deputy Chairperson
- Frank van den Heuvel, Secretary
- Harry Groen, Treasurer
- Bram Boxhoorn, Director
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

JOURNALISTS’ VISIT
Date: 27 January 2010
Subject: ‘Lisbon’ and European Defence
Speakers: Dick Zandee (Head, Planning and Policy Unit, EDA); Pieter Taal (Assistant Director, Industry and Market Directorate, EDA); Marianne de Kwaasteniet (Representative of the Netherlands, Political and Security Committee); Arnout Molenaar (Political Military Group); Marc Bentinck (Deputy Representative of the Netherlands, Political and Security Committee)
Locations: European Defence Agency and the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU, Brussels
Participants: 5 journalists: Jan van Benthem (Nederlands Dagblad); Paul Brill (De Volkskrant); Hans de Bruijn (GPD); Juurd Eijsvoogel (NRC Handelsblad); Robert de Witt (Elsevier). On behalf of the Netherlands Atlantic Association: Bram Boxhoorn (Director)

The purpose of this trip was to get a coherent view of recent developments in the field of European defence and security cooperation. The journalists visited the European Defence Agency and the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the EU, where they had a round-table discussion with the Netherlands’ ambassador to the Political and Security Committee, Marianne de Kwaasteniet. The talks were ‘off the record’ and therefore did not result in a publication.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: 4 February 2010
Subject: ‘Afghanistan: What Road Ahead?’
Speakers: Mohammad Tariq Ismati (Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Kabul; and Director, Afghan ‘National Solidarity Programme’); Paula Sastrowijoto (Coordinator, Afghanistan (Peace Building and Stabilisation Unit), Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Moderator: Norbert Both (Member, Executive Committee, Netherlands Atlantic Association)
In cooperation with: Netherlands Atlantic Youth
Location: Press Centre ‘Nieuwspoort’, The Hague
Participants: 90 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

Mohammad Tariq Ismati stressed in his speech that there has been progress in Afghanistan since 2001. Today, there are more than six million Afghan children going to school, including three million girls. 2001 saw only a fraction of this number. Moreover, infrastructure has been vastly improved. Ismati stressed that Afghans should start leading their own country, but that help from the international community remains necessary for the time being. The essence of Ismati’s speech was that the Afghan people and the government should be brought closer together. Paula Sastrowijoto admitted that there is progress in Afghanistan. She mentioned a number of successful projects that had been brought about with help from the Dutch government. At the same time she wondered how stable this development is. In this respect she mentioned the lack of public confidence in the Afghan government.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: 5 February 2010
Subject: ‘Loya Jirga: Exit Afghanistan?’
Speakers: Among others, Mohammad Tariq Ismati (Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Kabul); Dick Berlijn (former Commander of the Dutch Armed Forces)
Moderator: Linda Polman (journalist and writer)
In cooperation
with: Felix Meritis, Amsterdam
Location: Felix Meritis, Amsterdam

Participants: Patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others

The annual ‘Globalisation Lecture’ took place on 5 February in Amsterdam (at Felix Meritis). At this meeting, which was co-organised by the Netherlands Atlantic Association, three rounds of discussions and two documentaries had to provide an answer to the question “Exit Afghanistan?” At the end of the day, a considerable majority voted in favour of extending the Dutch military presence in Afghanistan.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: 16 February 2010
Subject: ‘The Condensing of the World’
Speakers: François Heisbourg (IISS, London; Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Paris; Geneva Centre for Security Policy); Ben Knapen (Scientific Council for Government Policy, The Hague)
Moderator: Monika Sie Dhiam Ho (Vice-Chairperson, Netherlands Atlantic Association)
Location: Press Centre ‘Nieuwsvoort, The Hague
Participants: 80 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

This meeting was organised on the occasion of the publication of the Dutch translation of the book L’Épaisseur du monde [The Condensing of the World] by François Heisbourg. He states that the world has changed to ‘transworld politics’ in which we are no longer bound to a country’s borders and where there is no traditional competition between sovereign states. In addition, there will soon be an end to the ‘Western narrative’. The Western template for democracy is no longer the ideal image in the world. Even more importantly, it is no longer a precondition for becoming a successful state, neither in the political, economic, nor social spheres. In this way, China is slowly assuming a leading role, according to Heisbourg.
Ben Knapen agreed that the sovereign stage is disappearing because of growing globalisation. He also stated that a strong European Union can exert influence on both the United States and China. Knapen agreed that China is developing fast, but he also pointed out that China still has a long way to go. Will the Chinese government continue to keep its grip on society, or is this changing?

ATLANTIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE
Date: 17 February 2010
Subject: ‘The Mediterranean: Crossroads of Continents and Cultures’
Speakers: Among others, Jacob Eerbeek (University of Amsterdam); Hans van der Loo (Shell International, Brussels); Wouter van Straten (Netherlands Defence Academy); Roel van der Veen (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and University of Amsterdam); Lily Sprangers (Turkey Institute, The Hague)
Moderator: Hans Luyendijk (Chairman, Atlantic Education Committee)
Location: University Hall (Academiegebouw), Utrecht
Participants: 120 (secondary school teachers of history, geography and social studies, students and others)

The subject of the annual education conference was all aspects of the Mediterranean. During the morning session, Wouter van Straten spoke about the strategic and economic importance of the Mediterranean. Hans van der Loo (Shell) discussed energy security and climate issues, and as this is a global theme, he did not limit himself to the Mediterranean region. Roel van der Veen discussed North-South issues, explaining why the ties between the European Union and the countries on the southern shores of the Mediterranean are (still) not optimally used. Jacob Eerbeek tackled the question of what contacts there may have been between the current Greek mainland and the Turkish western shore during the Mycenaean Period (1600-1200 BC). Lily Sprangers closed the morning session by proposing that with the arrival of the ‘New World Order’ after the end of the Cold War, the Mediterranean has changed from a crossroads of cultures to a barrier.

During the afternoon programme, the participating teachers were divided into smaller workshops where the various themes were discussed further. There were workshops on regional security, geographic and tectonic aspects, the climate challenge for Europe, immigration from Africa, and Turkey as a regional power.
VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS
Date: 26 February 2010
Subject: Current issues at NATO
Speakers: Representatives from the International Staff and members of the various delegations of member states and partner countries

In cooperation with: NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division
Location: Brussels
Participants: 6 parliamentary staff

Twice a year the Netherlands Atlantic Association, in cooperation with NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division, organises visits to NATO Headquarters in Brussels. Participants receive briefings from representatives of the International Staff and from members of various permanent representations. During this first visit of 2010, a group of six parliamentary staff received briefings on NATO’s political and military agenda, the NATO-Russia relationship, and the new Strategic Concept. They also had a meeting with the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands and with a Deputy Assistant Secretary-General (Operations Division).

PROGRAMME FOR AMERICAN MARSHALL FELLOWS
Date: 3-8 March 2010
Speakers: Among others, Ahmed Larouz (founder of MENA 400); Joris Rijbroek (Ministry of Housing, Regional Development and the Environment - VROM); Eddy Terstall (film maker); Juurd Eijsvogel (journalist, NRC Handelsblad); Arjen Hoogeveen (Municipality of Amsterdam); Angelien Eijsink (Member of Parliament, Social Democratic Party - PvdA); Thijs Niemantsverdriet (journalist, Vrij Nederland); Chris Buijink (Secretary-General, Ministry of Economic Affairs); Marianne van Leeuwen (University of Amsterdam); Harry Groen (Mayor of Noordwijk)

In cooperation with: German Marshall Fund (Washington DC)

Location: Amsterdam, The Hague, Noordwijk, Flevoland
Participants: 5 Fellows of the American Marshall Memorial Fund

Five American participants in the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship Program visited the Netherlands as part of their tour through Europe. As in previous years, the Netherlands Atlantic Association organised the Dutch segment of their programme. The fellows had discussions about immigration and integration, Dutch identity, Dutch foreign and defence policy, metropolitan issues, and the battle against water. They also visited the Dutch Parliament, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the International Criminal Court and a farm in Flevoland.

SEMINAR
Date: 5 March 2010
Subject: NATO’s Strategic Concept
Speakers: Frank Majoor (Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to NATO); Joris Voorhoeve (Chairman, Peace and Security Committee, Advisory Council on International Affairs); Frans Osinga (Netherlands Defence Academy); Han ten Broeke (Member of Parliament, Liberal Party - VVD); Arjan Vliegenthart (Member of the Senate, Socialist Party - SP); Kees Homan (Clingendael Institute); Raymond Knops (Member of Parliament, Christian Democratic Party - CDA); Angelien Eijsink (Member of Parliament, Social Democratic Party - PvdA)

Moderator: Christa Meindersma (The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies)

In cooperation with: Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV) and the Clingendael Institute

Location: Press Centre ‘Nieuwspoort’, The Hague
Participants: 110 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

The report on NATO’s new Strategic Concept that the Advisory Council on International Affairs published in early 2010 advises a closer definition of NATO’s core tasks and intensifying the political dialogue on security issues. At a symposium on this subject, a number of speakers and respondents commented on the priorities for NATO and the Netherlands in the near future.

MEETING OF NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH
Date: 17 March 2010
Subject: New Terrorist Threats for the West?
Speakers: Theo Bot (Deputy National Coordinator for Counterterrorism); Beatrice de Graaf (Lecturer and Researcher, Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism, The Hague)

In cooperation with: SIB Leiden
During this meeting, Beatrice de Graaf talked about, inter alia, Dutch counterterrorism policy. The effectiveness of the measures to counter radicalisation and terrorism is a permanent topic of discussion. The recent decrease in fear for a terrorist attack among the Dutch population may be linked to the current counterterrorism policy. However, a certain approach in this policy field may also create new terrorists. Theo Bot emphasised the unique character of Dutch society, which does not have a long history of terrorist attacks, and which is mainly shaped by the struggle against water. According to Bot, this is mirrored in Dutch counterterrorism policy, where both repressive (hard) and preventive (soft) measures go hand in hand.

VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS
Date: 26 March 2010
Subject: Current issues at NATO
Speakers: Representatives from the International Staff and members of the various delegations of member states and partner countries

In cooperation with: NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division
Location: Brussels
Participants: 10 university lecturers and researchers

Ten university lecturers and researchers visited NATO Headquarters. Among other things, they discussed NATO’s political and military agenda, the NATO-Russia relationship and the new Strategic Concept. They also had a meeting with the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: 29 March 2010
Subject: ‘A New NATO Strategic Concept’
Speakers: Maxime Verhagen (Minister of Foreign Affairs); Hans van Baalen (Member of the European Parliament, Liberal Party - VVD); Harry van Bommel (Member of Parliament, Socialist Party - SP); Han ten Broeke (Member of Parliament, Liberal Party - VVD); Raymond Knops (Member of Parliament, Christian Democratic Party - CDA); Jeroen van der Veer (Vice-Chairman, Group of Experts, Strategic Concept, NATO)

Moderator: Leonard Ornstein (journalist for ‘Buitenhof’, VPRO)

In cooperation with: The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS)
Location: Studio Dudok, The Hague
Participants: 120 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

During this meeting, NATO’s new Strategic Concept was debated. Minister Verhagen stated that NATO should become a more political organisation that operates with flexible military capacities in an enhanced international network of partnerships. Such political and military reform is necessary in order to effectively counter global threats that influence Dutch security interests directly. Some members of parliament responded to the minister’s speech. Finally, former Shell CEO Jeroen van der Veer (Vice-Chairman of the Group of Experts that advised the NATO Secretary-General on the Strategic Concept) reported on the main thrust of the Group’s report.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: 13 April 2010
Subject: ‘Lawrence of Arabia: Past, Present and Future of Afghanistan’
Speakers: John Hulsman (John C. Hulsman Enterprises; Senior Research Fellow, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies); Rob de Wijk (Director, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies)

Moderator: Bram Boxhoorn (Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association)
Location: Studio Dudok, The Hague
Participants: 60 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

How would Lawrence of Arabia have dealt with the process of nation-building in Afghanistan? What lessons can the international community learn from him? And will this international community continue with nation-building in the future? These questions were central to the discussion. John Hulsman named four lessons that the international community can learn from Lawrence: more attention for the unique character of Afghanistan; the struggle is not won on the battlefield, but in the political arena; we should no longer strive for centralisation of power; and the local population is the most important stakeholder.
Rob de Wijk stated that the mission in Afghanistan is successful if you look at the original goal: countering terrorism. However, Dutch politics have made it a long-term problem by making nation-building in Afghanistan a goal as well.

**VISIT BY NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH TO THE US EMBASSY**

**Date:** 14 April 2010  
**Subject:** ‘Security Aspects of the Economic Crisis in a Transatlantic Perspective’  
**Speakers:** Ben Canavan (Foreign Service Officer); Charles Mau (Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation)  
**Location:** US Embassy, The Hague  
**Participants:** 19 students

After a general introduction on the activities of the US Embassy, the (few) differences of opinion between the United States and the Netherlands were discussed: trade policy; Afghanistan; and climate change. Another topic that was discussed was the geographic change in diplomacy (from the G8 to G20).

**EDUCATION SEMINAR**

**Date:** 27 April 2010  
**Subject:** ‘Water and Security’  
**Speakers:** René Genee (Groningen Seaports); Jankees Trimpe Burger (Director, Netherlands Coastguard); Bart Parmet (Director, Delta Programme); Henk Donkers (Radboud University, Nijmegen); Margreet Zwartveen (Wageningen University)  
**Moderator:** Hans Luyendijk (Chairman, Atlantic Education Committee)

In cooperation with: NHL University, Leeuwarden and Windesheim University  
**Location:** Abe Lenstra Stadion, Heerenveen  
**Participants:** 65 (secondary school teachers of history, geography and social studies, students and others)

The education seminar in Heerenveen had ‘Water and Security’ as its theme. Jankees Trimpe Burger (Director of the Netherlands Coastguard) talked about international maritime assistance, search and rescue. Bart Parmet (Director of the Delta Programme) spoke about water security and freshwater supply, and the measures that are needed to implement the recommendations of the Veerman Committee. Henk Donkers discussed water as a source of international conflict, and Margreet Zwartveen talked about the effect of water supply for gender relations.

**VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS**

**Date:** 7 May 2010  
**Subject:** Current issues at NATO  
**Speakers:** Representatives from the International Staff and members of the various delegations of member states and partner countries  
**In cooperation with:** NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division  
**Location:** Brussels  
**Participants:** 6 journalists: Jan van Benthem (Nederlands Dagblad); Hans de Bruijn (GPD); Ernest Claassen (NOS); Theo Koelé (De Volkskrant); Eppo König (NRC Handelsblad); and Jan Kooy (ANP). On behalf of the Netherlands Atlantic Association: Bram Boxhoorn (Director)

Six journalists visited NATO Headquarters. They were briefed on, *inter alia*, the new Strategic Concept, current NATO operations and the NATO-Russia relationship. They also had a meeting with the Deputy Permanent Representative and the Military Representative of the Netherlands.

**ATA COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** 10-11 May 2010  
**Location:** Brussels  
**Participants:** Bram Boxhoorn (Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association)

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date:** 21 May 2010  
**Subject:** NATO’s New Strategic Concept  
**Speaker:** Jeroen van der Veer (Vice-Chairman, Group of Experts, Strategic Concept, NATO)  
**Moderator:** Piet Bukman (Chairman, Netherlands Atlantic Association)  
**Location:** ‘Sociëteit De Witte’, The Hague  
**Participants:** 130 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)
Former Shell CEO Jeroen van der Veer (Vice-Chairman of the Group of Experts that advised the NATO Secretary-General about the Strategic Concept) elaborated on the Group’s report, entitled *NATO 2020: Assured Security; Dynamic Engagement*, which was published on 17 May. The previous Strategic Concept dated from 1999 and was very much in need of revision. Van der Veer defined NATO as a regional organisation that can operate out-of-area. The report recommends formulating clear criteria for out-of-area operations. Other subjects that were touched upon during the meeting were the relationship with Russia, cooperation with other international organisations (in particular the EU and UN) and the necessity of public support in order to make NATO more effective.

**DEBATE**

**Date:** 3 June 2010  
**Subject:** Dutch Defence and the Upcoming Parliamentary Elections  
**Speakers:**  
- **Hans van Baalen** (Liberal Party - VVD);  
- **Simon van Driel** (Social Democratic Party - PvdA);  
- **Wassila Hachchi** (Social Liberal Party - D66);  
- **Henk Jan Ormel** (Christian Democratic Party - CDA);  
- **Arjan Vliegenthart** (Socialist Party - SP)  
**Moderator:** **Leonard Ornstein** (journalist for ‘Buitenhof’, VPRO)  

In cooperation with:  
Royal Netherlands Society for Military Art and Science (KVBK)  
Location: Press Centre ‘Nieuwspoort’, The Hague  
Participants: 140 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands' ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

On the eve of the parliamentary elections of 9 June, the Netherlands Atlantic Association and the Royal Netherlands Society for Military Art and Science organised a debate on Dutch defence. Hans van Baalen (Member of the European Parliament - VVD), Arjan Vliegenthart (Member of the Senate - SP), Simon van Driel (Member of the Senate - PvdA), Wassila Hachchi (parliamentary candidate - D66) and Henk Jan Ormel (Member of Parliament - CDA) explained the positions of their respective parties on defence. Moderator Leonard Ornstein asked them all how much they were planning to cut or invest in the defence budget. The sums ranged from two billion euros in cuts (SP) to 120 million euros in additional money (VVD). Finally, the proposed purchase of the Joint Strike Fighter and the mission in Afghanistan were discussed.

**MEETING OF NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH**

**Date:** 8 June 2010  
**Subject:** International Security and Climate Change  
**Speaker:** **Dennis McGinn** (Vice-Admiral (ret.) and CEO, Remote Reality Corp.)  

In cooperation with:  
JASON Foundation  
Location: US Embassy, The Hague  
Participants: 20 students and young professionals

Netherlands Atlantic Youth, in cooperation with the JASON Foundation, organised a lecture with the retired American Vice-Admiral Dennis McGinn. In his speech, McGinn dealt with climate change, energy security in the United States and global security. According to McGinn, now is the time for change. We can promote the transition to different types of energy by combining the free market and state support. He proposed encouraging entrepreneurs to invent ways to enhance energy efficiency.

**MEETING OF NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH**

**Date:** 22 June 2010  
**Subject:** Poverty, Instability and Radicalisation in Somalia  
**Speakers:**  
- **Mark Schenkel** (Africa Editor, NRC Handelsblad);  
- **Suad Farah** (Communications Adviser, Hirda Foundation)  
**Moderator:** **Kees Kouwenhoven** (Board Member, Netherlands Atlantic Youth)  

In cooperation with:  
SIB Leiden  
Location: Plexus Student Centre, Leiden  
Participants: 20 students and young professionals

The presence of Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean is all over the news. During this meeting, however, the focus was not ‘at sea’, but ‘on land’. The purpose of the meeting was to enhance understanding about a conflict that has been going on for 20 years, and of which piracy seems to be a direct consequence. Mark Schenkel gave a clear and analytical overview of the history, background and possible solutions for the situation in Somalia. Suad Farah dealt with the socio-economic problems from which Somalia suffers. Both speakers stressed that it will be difficult to solve the conflict in Somalia, even more so because piracy prevents other countries and international aid organisations from helping the country. Since the piracy problem requires a solution ‘on land’, this vicious circle is difficult to break.
According to the well-known Indian historian Ramachandra Guha, there are ten reasons why India will not become a superpower, despite its huge economic growth, including the internal problems of the ‘unique political experiment’ that India represents and that, according to Guha, was not made to survive as a nation. However, a more prominent role for India cannot be entirely prevented. Guha pleaded for Indian involvement in the international community and even for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council. According to Guha, India also has a responsibility in the world to deal sensibly with economic growth and natural resources.

The American political scientist and writer Darrell West spoke about the upcoming Congressional elections in the United States, and the problems with which US President Obama has to deal. Dissatisfaction with the economic situation would translate itself into a shift to the right, West argued. A clear example of this is the rise of the ultra-conservative Tea Party movement. The Democrats will lose their majority in the House of Representatives, he argued, and they will probably lose seats in the Senate as well. After his introduction, West was interviewed by Ruth Oldenziel about, inter alia, Obama’s leadership and campaigning style, and foreign policy.

Netherlands Atlantic Youth organised a study visit to NATO Headquarters in Brussels on 25 June. The participants received briefings on the challenges that (may) face the Alliance in the twenty-first century. In this respect, attention was also paid to the advice of the Group of Experts led by Madeleine Albright and Jeroen van der Veer, and the new Strategic Concept that would be presented in autumn 2010 at the Summit in Lisbon.
On 17 September, in the Great Hall of the University of Amsterdam, Marianne van Leeuwen gave her inaugural lecture as Professor, by special appointment, of Modern Transatlantic Relations. This chair is endowed by the Netherlands Atlantic Association. In her lecture, entitled ‘Peace as a Side Goal: America, Europe, and the Middle East Peace Process’, she defended four propositions: 1) the Arab-Israeli conflict started as an unintentional side-effect of British military and colonial advocacy; 2) a peaceful solution to this conflict was a side goal for the United States and Great Britain in the 1950s, as the containment of Soviet expansion was more important for them; 3) in the 1970s the countries of the European Community tried to assist diplomatically to resolve the conflict, their main goal being to shape a common foreign policy; and 4) regional players were usually more interested in the negotiation process than in obtaining results.

This study trip focused on discovering the past and present of the Netherlands in New York City. A number of social problems that play a role both in the United States and the Netherlands were discussed. The participants also studied the American school system and visited a number of cultural venues.

Jamie Shea first discussed the four pillars on which the NATO Summit in Lisbon would rest: the publication of the new Strategic Concept; the reform of the NATO organisation; the operation in Afghanistan; and a new relationship with Russia. With regard to the new Strategic Concept, Shea mentioned three important themes: what do defence and deterrence really mean? How can NATO be a good crisis management organisation? And how should the Alliance reach out to global
partners? Julian Lindley-French mostly agreed with Shea's view on the Strategic Concept. However, he warned that NATO can only decide so much, but the effort comes down to the nations. Second, the Strategic Concept has to close the gap between strategy, affordability, synergy and capability. Today's challenge is to do more, while at the same time trying to spend less money.

**STUDY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES**

**Date:** 24-31 October 2010  
**Subject:** Congressional Elections  
**Speakers:** Various  
**Locations:** Phoenix, Dallas and Washington  
**Participants:** 8 foreign editors of Dutch media: Paul Brill (De Volkskrant); Pieter Klein (RTL); Tom Klein (Nieuwsuur); Eppo König (NRC Handelsblad); Anja Legemaat (Radio 1; Journal); Ruth Oldenziel (political commentator); Leonard Ornstein (Buitenhof, VPRO); Eric Vrijzen (Elsevier); on behalf of the Netherlands Atlantic Association: Bram Boxhoorn (Director)

The purpose of this trip was to enable journalists to form an opinion on some dominant themes in the run-up to the US Congressional elections (such as immigration, the rise of the Tea Party movement, and Obama’s Green Policy). A study programme was organised in Arizona and Texas. The trip resulted in a number of newspaper articles, opinion pieces and interviews.

**VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS**

**Date:** 5 November 2010  
**Subject:** Current Issues at NATO  
**Speakers:** Representatives from the International Staff and members of the various delegations of member states and partner countries

In cooperation with: NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division  
**Location:** Brussels  
**Participants:** 10 journalists: Dirk-Jan van Baar (HP/De Tijd); Hans de Bruijin (GPD); Freek Ewals (BNR Nieuwsradio); Peper Hofstede (RTL Nieuws); Huub Jaspers (VPRO/VARA); John Maes (Spits); Laurens Scholten (ANP); Addie Schulte (Het Parool); Thomas Spekschoor (NOS); John M. Tyler (Radio Nederland Wereldomroep) On behalf of the Netherlands Atlantic Association: Bram Boxhoorn (Director)

Ten journalists visited NATO Headquarters. They received briefings on, *inter alia*, missile defence, the new Strategic Concept and the NATO-Russia relationship. They also had a meeting with the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands and the Deputy Permanent Military Representative.

**LUNCH MEETING**

**Date:** 8 November 2010  
**Subject:** Dutch Defence Policy (based on the publication entitled *Between the Polder and a Hard Place? The Netherlands and Defence Planning Challenges for Smaller European Countries*)  
**Speakers:** Julian Lindley-French (Eisenhower Chair in Defence Strategy, Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda; and Professor, by special appointment, of Strategic Studies, Leiden University); Anne Tjepkema (Associate Professor, Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda); Adrian Johnson (Royal United Services Institute)  
**Moderator:** Kees Homan (Clingendael Institute)  
**Location:** Press Centre ‘Nieuwsport’, The Hague  
**Participants:** 100 (patrons, university lecturers, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, politicians, representatives of the Netherlands’ ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, students, and others)

This lunch meeting was organised on the occasion of the publication of the report entitled *Between the Polder and a Hard Place? The Netherlands and Defence Planning Challenges for Smaller European Countries* by the Royal United Services Institute. Both authors elaborated on the report. Their main conclusion was that Dutch national strategy and defence policy are no longer connected. After suffering twenty years of continual cuts, the Netherlands armed forces are no longer able to meet national security and defence needs effectively. According to the authors, further cuts will make the Dutch armed forces an unreliable partner, both in NATO and in the EU.

**EDUCATION SEMINAR**

**Date:** 18 November 2010  
**Subject:** ‘The NATO Summit in Lisbon: A Strategic Reorientation for NATO?’  
**Speakers:** Marianne van Leeuwen (Professor, by special appointment, of Modern Transatlantic Relations, University of Amsterdam); Max Valstar
MEETING OF NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH
Date: 2 December 2010
Subject: ‘The Role of the Media in Military Operations and Wars’
Speakers: Niels Roelen (author of Soldaat in Uruzgan); Joeri Boom (editor, De Groene Amsterdammer; and author of Als een Nacht met Duizend Sterren)
Moderators: Raymond van Engelen and Arno Hamar de la Brethonière (interns, Netherlands Atlantic Association)
Location: CreaTheatre, Amsterdam
Participants: 30 students and young professionals

The main subject of the evening’s discussion was the coverage in the Dutch media of the war in Afghanistan. According to Joeri Boom, the media serve as an important link between ‘the people’ and the armed forces. It is very important that the media paint a truthful and independent picture of the situation in Afghanistan for Dutch citizens. Many (Dutch) journalists forget that they have to bring independent news and instead mainly look at viewing or sales figures, according to Boom. Niels Roelen said that soldiers need good journalists that paint a complete picture of what is happening. He felt that journalists had to go to war zones on their own as well, even though this is sometimes dangerous. Both speakers agreed that Dutch citizens have the right to know exactly what is happening in wars in which Dutch armed forces are involved.

MASTERCLASS FOR NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH
Date: 22 December 2010
Subject: Master Class in Diplomacy
Course instructor: Kees Homan (Clingendael Institute)
Location: Clingendael Institute
Participants: 17 members of Netherlands Atlantic Youth

Netherlands Atlantic Youth organised a master class in diplomacy for its members on 22 December, with the cooperation of the Clingendael Institute. The master class took the form of a simulation game in which the participants had to deal with a conflict in the fictitious country of ‘Marijnen’ in Africa. In the accompanying text that the participants received beforehand, the situation with regard to this conflict in Europe and Marijnen was explained, as well as the consequences for international relations. The main question was whether the Netherlands had to participate in an EU-led intervention.
The Netherlands Atlantic Association issues various publications. In addition to *Atlantisch Perspectief*, the Association’s magazine, it publishes conference reports, educational material and books. Study reports are also published regularly by study groups established by the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

Publications are designed to arouse interest in international relations and transatlantic security issues and to stimulate discussion on these subjects. The Netherlands Atlantic Association also tries to bring recent, still underexposed, subjects to the notice of a broader public.

**Magazine**

**ATLANTISCHE PERSPECTIEF**

*Atlantisch Perspectief* ([Atlantic Perspective]) is the magazine of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. It appears eight times a year and devotes attention to developments in international politics and the field of security (an overview of articles published in English in 2010 can be found in section 7-6 of this Annual Report). The entire content of the most recent issue of the magazine is posted on the Netherlands Atlantic Association’s website. The website also contains an online archive of old volumes of *Atlantisch Perspectief*. All of the articles that have appeared between 1998 and 2010 can be viewed and downloaded in pdf format. The archive also has a search engine.

*Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 1 had a section on the Treaty of Lisbon and the (growing) role of the EU on the world stage. An interview with a Dutch Commodore, who led an EU anti-piracy mission near Somalia, gave an example of this growing role. Another article evaluated the first year of Obama’s presidency, and finally there was a piece on the climate summit in Copenhagen and its implications for global security.

*Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 2 was mainly in English. Giles Scott-Smith opened with an article on the Iraq committees in the UK and the Netherlands. A staff member of an international organisation in East Africa wrote about the ‘failed state’ of Somalia. A Turkish research journalist reacted to an article about Turkey in *Atlantisch Perspectief* No. 8 of 2009. A Clingendael researcher analysed China’s ‘new assertiveness’, which for instance came to the surface during the climate summit in Copenhagen and which is also apparent through China’s perpetually undervalued currency.

Sebastian Reyn of the Dutch Ministry of Defence opened the special section in *Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 3 on the ‘Verkenningen’ project of the Ministry for the future of Dutch defence. In this section, a number of Dutch parliamentarians also gave their reaction to the project’s final report. A researcher from the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies analysed the role of precious metals as a strategic instrument. A Ph.D. student from the University of Amsterdam analysed the costs and benefits of transatlantic information exchange against the background of the ‘data war’ against terrorism. Finally, there was a column on the necessity of NATO.

In *Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 4 a professor from Simon Fraser University in Canada gave his opinion on the importance of NATO as a means to defend Canada’s national interests. A lecturer from the Free University of Amsterdam analysed the geopolitical situation in Nagorno-Karabakh. A staff member of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) turned his attention to the US government’s stance towards nuclear non-proliferation after the NPT Review Conference. Kees Homan (Clingendael Institute) analysed US President Obama’s ‘pragmatic realism’ in view of three important strategic documents that were published in the first half of 2010. Finally, another Clingendael researcher wrote about the new Russian military doctrine.

*Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 5 opened with a look ahead to the British Strategic Defence and Security Review by the UK’s current liberal-conservative coalition government. A lecturer from the University of Amsterdam analysed recent political developments in the four ‘Visegrad’ countries. Two articles reacted on the ‘Verkenningen’ project of the Ministry of Defence: a professor from the Swedish National Defence College put the project in an international context; and two staff member of IKV Pax Christi discussed the role of NGOs against the background of the ‘Verkenningen’ project. Finally, Niels Roelen wrote a column on the relationship between politics and the armed forces.

Dick Zandeel argued in *Atlantisch Perspectief* no. 6 that Europe needs more integration in the field of defence. Jochen Stöger and Oliver Rolofs wrote about the German *Bundeswehr* and put the upcoming reforms by Defence Minister Zu Guttenberg in a historical context. An analyst from the office of the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism gave an overview of developments in Yemen, where al-Qaeda seems to be regrouping successfully. Researchers from the Technical University Eindhoven and the Clingendael Institute analysed the ‘double paradox’ of the Iranian energy sector: despite huge supplies, Iran still has to import oil; and while nuclear energy
may diminish this problem, it also causes international tension. Frans Verhagen wrote a column on integration and the lessons that both sides of the Atlantic can learn from each other. Finally, a member of NATO’s international staff wrote a column about the strong position of NATO as a ‘brand’, while underlining at the same time the necessity of making it clear why NATO is important.

Atlantisch Perspectief no. 7 was an English-language issue and was dedicated to the Congressional elections in the United States. Three authors wrote about those elections and the consequences for transatlantic relations. Besides this, Beatrice de Graaf analysed (the discussion and image of) the Dutch mission in Uruzgan. Finally, two interns from the Netherlands Atlantic Association wrote an overview on defence cuts in various NATO member states.

Atlantisch Perspectief no. 8 was also an English-language special issue. This time, the NATO Summit was the general theme. Three experts from various countries gave their view on the new Strategic Concept and the future challenges of the Alliance. Two articles on counterinsurgency closed this issue.

Atlantisch Perspectief always contains an Atlantic News’ section, which concisely covers topical developments in transatlantic relations, European security and Dutch foreign policy. The Activities’ section contains reports of meetings of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, and recent books on international relations are mentioned or reviewed in the Books’ section.

Atlantisch Perspectief is received by members of the Standing Committees of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Dutch Parliament, by Dutch embassies in OSCE countries, patrons of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, and regular subscribers. The English-language issues are distributed among the international contacts of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, including embassies of OSCE countries in The Hague and think tanks in North America, Europe and Russia.

Date of publication: 8 times per year
Print run: 1,300 copies

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION, 2009

Date of publication: June 2010
Print run: 1,100 copies

PUBLIC OPINION POLL

As in previous years, the public opinion research institute TNS/NIPO conducted a survey about NATO at the request of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. The survey showed that support for NATO in the Netherlands remains high.

The main results of the poll were:

- A very large majority of the Dutch population (80 per cent) finds NATO membership of importance to Dutch security.
- A large majority (72 per cent) feels that NATO contributes positively to the relationship between the United States and the Netherlands. This percentage has risen slightly compared to previous years.
- A majority (55 per cent) has started thinking more positively about NATO because of Barack Obama’s presidency. This was a decline of 10 points compared to last year’s survey. The high percentage of ‘don’t know/no opinion’ (37 per cent) was remarkable.
- 38 per cent of those questioned were in favour of a training mission to Afghanistan; 54 per cent were against.
- A majority of those questioned (61 per cent) said that NATO is the most credible organisation in the field of defence; 15 per cent found the EU more credible.

The poll was taken in December 2010 and was conducted among 1,166 adults that reflect the Dutch population.

LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR

LECTURE
Date: 15 February 2010
Meeting: Course for foreign diplomats
Subject: NATO’s Search for Strategic Consensus
Location: Clingendael Institute, The Hague
Participants: 30 diplomats from (Central) European countries

LECTURE
Date: 29 March 2010
Meeting: Master class
Subject: NATO’s New Strategic Concept
Location: Rotterdam University (teachers’ education institute)
Participants: 25 students

**INTERVIEW**
Date: 9 April 2010
Subject: Italy and Berlusconi
Media: Special Broadcasting Service Australia

**LECTURE**
Date: 18-19 May 2010
Meeting: Workshop
Subject: NATO’s Strategic Concept
Location: Lisbon University
Participants: 50 university lecturers

**INTERVIEW**
Date: 21 December 2010
Subject: Results of public opinion poll at the request of the Netherlands Atlantic Association
Media: BNR News Radio

**Publications**


‘De val van het kabinet-Balkenende IV: het einde aan een Atlantische reflex?’, in *Internationale Spectator*, vol. 64, no. 6 (June 2010), pp. 324-327.

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The website of the Netherlands Atlantic Association (www.atlcom.nl or www.atlantischecommissie.nl) contains information on the organisation, structure, purpose and activities of the Association, the Atlantic Education Committee, and Netherlands Atlantic Youth. Many publications can be viewed online, and secondary school pupils can work with the various web sheets. The site can also be used to register for the Association’s public meetings. Requests for information and orders for publications can be submitted by using our email address: info@atlcom.nl. In 2010 the website had 12,795 visitors.

THE NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION IN THE MEDIA

Reports on the activities and publications of the Netherlands Atlantic Association were published in 2010 in the following newspapers and periodicals:

- ANP
- Argos
- BN de Stem
- BNR Nieuwsradio
- Brabants Dagblad
- Buitenhof
- Dagblad van het Noorden
- Defensiekrant
- Eindhovens Dagblad
- Elsevier
- Het Financieele Dagblad
- Folia
- Friesch Dagblad
- Geassocieerde Pers Diensten
- HP/De Tijd
- Internationale Spectator
- Limburgs Dagblad
- Nederlands Dagblad
- Nederlandse Staatscourant
- Nieuwsuur
- NOS-Journaal
- NRC Handelsblad
- Het Parool
- Provinciale Zeeuwse Courant
- Radio 1 Journaal
- Radio Nederland Wereldomroep
- RTL Nieuws
- Spits
- De Twentsche Courant Tubantia
- De Volkskrant

DOCUMENTATION

Books, periodicals and newspaper clippings on international (security) issues may be freely consulted in the library of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. Requests for information may be made by mail, telephone or email. The publications of the Netherlands Atlantic Association can be ordered from the Secretariat (or collected from Bezuidenhoutseweg 237a-239a, The Hague).

MEMBERSHIP

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Patronage of the Netherlands Atlantic Association costs (a minimum of) €44.50 per year (price as of 1 January 2011). With this you will support the work of the Association. Patrons receive all of the Association’s publications for free or at a reduced price. Moreover, they receive invitations to conferences and seminars organised by the Association.

For €24.00 per year (price as of 1 January 2011) young people can become a student patron of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. They will receive invitations for meetings of both the Atlantic Association and Netherlands Atlantic Youth. Moreover, they will receive Atlantisch Perspectief.
NATO’s New Strategic Concept: Moving beyond the Status Quo? (2009)
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The Long Shadow of Iraq: The Davids and Chilcot Committees
- Giles Scott-Smith

State Failure in Somalia: Causes of Instability and Insecurity
- Jan Tijmen Ninck Blok

Turkey: Before the Way to Baghdad or Baku
- Iclal Akay

No. 4

Future NATO: Guardian of National Interests. Canada and the New Strategic Concept
- Alexander Moens

Nagorno-Karabakh: Embedded in Geopolitics
- Françoise J. Companjen

The US Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Agenda: After the NPT Review Conference
- Oliver Schmidt

No. 7

Section on American mid-term elections

Fulfilling the Promise of Change, Mastering the Mandate: What to Consider after the 2010 Mid-term Elections
- Damon S. Porter

Of Waxed Wings: Obama’s Reality Check after the Mid-term Elections
- Matt A. Mayer

Transatlantic Relations after the US Mid-term Elections
- Stanley R. Sloan

The Dutch Mission in Urugua: Political and Military Lessons
- Beatrice de Graaf

Tightening NATO’s Belt: Austerity Measures in Defence Spending
- Arno Hamar de la Brethonière and Raimond van Engelen

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Section on the NATO Lisbon Summit: A new Strategic Concept

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