



**NATO Mission In Afghanistan:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004 NATO assumed authority for the ISAF mission. The NATO mission consists of 5 phases;

- Phase 1 Assessment and Preparation, including operations in Kabul (completed)
- Phase 2 Geographic expansion
- Phase 3 Stabilization
- Phase 4/5 Transition / Redeployment

**Phase 2 Expansion:** In October 2003 The UN Security Council authorised the expansion of the NATO mission beyond Kabul. In October 2004 Stage 1 of the expansion to the north was completed with Stage 2 in the West following in September 2005. Stage 3 of the expansion to include the South was completed on 31 July 2006 and Stage 4 to include the East is scheduled for Autumn 2006, at which stage the geographic expansion phase will be complete.

**Troop Contributing Nations (TCN):** On completion of Stage 3 expansion the ISAF mission consisted of the following 37 Nations. (The troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time)

	Albania	30		Estonia	90		Lithuania	130		Slovenia	50
	Australia	200		Finland	90		Luxemburg	10		Spain	600
	Austria	5		France	1000		Netherlands	2000		Sweden	220
	Azerbaijan	20		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	100		New Zealand	5		Switzerland	5
	Belgium	300		Germany	2750		Iceland	15		Turkey	450
	Bulgaria	150		Greece	180		Norway	340		United Kingdom	5000
	Canada	2000		Hungary	120		Poland	10		United States	1300
	Croatia	100		Ireland	10		Portugal	150			
	Czech Republic	100		Italy	1600		Romania	560		TOTAL	20,115
	Denmark	325		Latvia	40		Slovakia	60			

\* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name