"NATO'S TRANSFORMATION AND GULF SECURITY"

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"Legitimating NATO's Presence in the MENA Region"

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How ready are the leaderships and peoples of the Mediterranean and Gulf regions to welcome a more active [US led] NATO presence in the area?

THE CONTEXT

ECONOMIC DISTRESS AS A PARTIAL RESULT OF GLOBALISATION



THE CONTEXT: SOLIDLY ESTABLISHED ISLAMIC VALUES



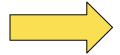
THESE AND MANY OTHER PARAMETERS LINKED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THESE VARIOUS SOCIETIES MAKE THEM IDEAL TARGETS FOR TERROR PLANNERS!!!

SOURCES OF POLITICAL DISSATISFACTION [NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL] FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SITUATION

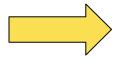
Thus the perspectives appear to be very limited

LONG TERM ACCUMULATION OF

FRUSTRATION + INJUSTICE + DESESPOIR



A REACTION OF HATRED



POTENTIAL TERROR

IRAQ AND PALESTINE

- AN URGENT NEED TO STOP THE BLOODSHED
- THE RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL LEGALITY
- TOWARDS MORE EQUITY AND JUSTICE

THE QUEST FOR DEMOCRACY

TACKLING THE TERRORIST THREAT THROUGH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INITIATIVES

Perspectives for the field application of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty:

"promote conditions of stability and well-being" and "eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them".