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Transformation Norfolk Virginia**



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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This document contains a Request for Information (RFI) Call for Industry and Academia collaboration regarding a request for abstracts and submissions for inclusion and publication in the NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43, Legal Aspects of Climate Change Impacts on International Security. Suppliers wishing to respond to this RFI should read this document carefully and follow the guidance for responding.

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General Information	
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Project Title	NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43, Legal Aspects of Climate Change Impacts on International Security
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2 – INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Summary. Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (HQ SACT) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) announcement in order to request abstracts and submissions for inclusion and publication in the *NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43, Legal Aspects of Climate Change Impacts on International Security*.
- 2.2 Disclaimer. The purpose of this RFI is to inform authors -- academic professionals, legal practitioners and other professionals -- specialized in Climate Change impacts on international security **in industry, academia, international organizations, or government**, of the opportunity to publish articles in Issue 43 of the **NATO Legal Gazette**. This request for information does not constitute a commitment to issue a future request for proposal (RFP) or engage in procurement activities. HQ SACT has not made a commitment to procure any items, and release of this RFI shall not be construed as such a commitment, nor as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement will be required or sought. Further, respondents are advised that HQ SACT will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in responding to this RFI. The costs for responding to this RFI shall be borne solely by the responding party. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any subsequent RFP if issued in the future.

3 – GENERAL BACKGROUND:

The **NATO Legal Gazette** is an educational outreach publication produced by the HQ SACT Legal Office in Norfolk, Virginia. HQ SACT is the command element of Allied Command Transformation, which has the mission to contribute to preserving the peace, security and territorial integrity of Alliance member states by leading the transformation of military structures, forces, capabilities and doctrines.

The NATO Legal Gazette contains thematically organized articles usually written by authors who are military or civilian legal personnel working at NATO or in the governments of NATO and partner nations, as well as academic commentators and industry professionals. Its purpose is to share articles of significance for the NATO and national legal communities and connect legal professionals of the Alliance, including Alliance nations. The **NATO Legal Gazette** is not a formal NATO document approved by all NATO nations. Its articles do not represent the official opinions or positions of NATO or individual governments. **NATO Legal Gazette** articles are expected to be between 1500-5000 words, but in exceptional cases, longer pieces may be considered.

4 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- 4.1 On June 14, 2021, the Heads of State and Government participated in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Brussels. The resulting [communiqué](#) observed:

“Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our times. It is a threat multiplier that impacts Allied security, both in the Euro-Atlantic area and in the Alliance’s broader neighbourhood. Climate change puts our resilience and civil preparedness to the test,

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affects our planning and the resilience of our military installations and critical infrastructure, and may create harsher conditions for our operations. Today we have endorsed an Action Plan to implement our NATO Agenda on Climate Change and Security, which increases our awareness, adaptation, mitigation, and outreach efforts, while ensuring a credible deterrence and defence posture and upholding the priorities of the safety of military personnel and operational and cost effectiveness. To increase awareness, NATO will conduct annual assessments of the impact of climate change on its strategic environment as well as on missions and operations. To adapt to climate change, NATO will incorporate climate change considerations into its full spectrum of work, ranging from defence planning and capability development to civil preparedness and exercises. To contribute to the mitigation of climate change, drawing on best practices of Allies, and taking into account their different national circumstances, NATO will develop a mapping methodology to help Allies measure greenhouse gas emissions from military activities and installations, which could contribute to formulating voluntary goals to reduce such emissions. NATO will also strengthen exchanges with partner countries as well as with international and regional organisations that are active on climate change and security issues.”

NATO HQ issued supplemental [guidance](#) on climate change concurrent with the Summit.

Issue 43 will address the **legal aspects** of this important international security issue. Topics may include the legal environments regarding emissions regulation regimes, climate change compacts and international relations, NATO’s carbon footprint, maritime impacts of sea level rise, competition for resources tied to climate change, mass migration resulting from sea level rise, the changing strategic calculus of the Arctic, economic impacts of climate change leading to security challenges, multilateral climate change instruments and agreements, and the impacts of climate change on strategic futures and capability development. Policy pieces are welcome so long as there is a nexus to international and/or national law and legal regimes.

4.2 Timeline

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| a. Expression of intent to submit abstract: | 28 Jan 2022 |
| b. Submission of abstracts to HQ SACT | 11 Feb 2022 |
| c. Notification of authors of selection to publish | 18 Feb 2022 |
| d. Submission of first draft to HQ SACT | 27 May 2022 |
| e. Return of edited drafts to authors | 24 June 2022 |
| f. Submission of final draft to HQ SACT | 29 July 2022 |
| g. Publication of NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43 | 16 Sept. 2022 |

5 - REQUESTED INFORMATION

5.1 Intent. The intent of this RFI is to issue a call for submissions on the topic described herein.

5.2 Answers to the RFI. The answers (limited-scope abstracts, limited to 300 words) to this RFI should be submitted via email to the POCs (email to Mr. Bracknell and Ms. Gialitaki, copy to Ms. Bonilla and

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Ms. Hartov) by completion of the attached Annex A RFI template and instructions, and should be supplemented with a copy of the author's or co-authors' CV(s) including one academic or professional reference for each author/co-author.

5.3 Follow-on. Post-submission and post-selection, RFI respondents may be contacted to provide detailed information on their proposals and may be offered the opportunity to publish in Issue 43 of the NATO Legal Gazette. HQ SACT will select articles for editing and publication.

5.4 Selection Criteria. Selection of articles for publication will be based on pre-screening of abstracts. Down selection will be based upon five specific criteria, weighted in descending order:

- a. Relevance of the topic to the NATO strategic environment and transformation (hereafter "transformation");
- b. Relevance of the topic to national military programs, plans, and capability development germane to climate change;
- c. Relevance of the topic to NATO;
- d. Quality of written submission (writing quality, ease of editing, etc.);
- e. Timeliness of submissions.

5.5 Copyright and licensing. RFI respondents must be willing to partake in an iterative editing process prior to publication. Authors may retain copyright to their written work but assign to HQ SACT a permanent, limitless and cost-free license to publish the articles and to use the articles in the future for authorized NATO purposes (example: reference materials for NATO courses, etc.). Additional details will be found in a detailed bilateral publication agreement.

5.6 Questions. Questions of a technical nature about this RFI announcement shall be submitted by email solely to the above-mentioned POCs (found on page 2). Accordingly, questions in an e-mail shall not contain proprietary and/or classified information. HQ SACT does not guarantee that questions received after **11 February 2022** will be answered. Questions (anonymized) and answers will be posted on the HQ SACT P&C website at: www.act.nato.int/contracting-procurements.

5.7 Response Date. See timeline.

5.8 Summary. This is an RFI only. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit written submissions for potential publication in the NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43. It does not create contractual rights or obligation nor does responding to the RFI confer any advantage on future solicitations or RFPS.

HQ SACT has not made a commitment to publish or procure any item or work, and release of this RFI shall not be construed as such a commitment, nor as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement will be required or sought.

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TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS:

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Template (may be submitted as Word or .pdf document, or the body of an email):

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Academic or Professional Title: _____

Contact postal address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Intended title of article: _____

Text of Abstract:

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Instructions for Contributors

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The NATO HQ SACT Legal Office has the primary responsibility for developing, preparing and finalizing the *NATO Legal Gazette*. We accept submissions that could be of interest to legal personnel within NATO and would be relevant to our wide NATO legal community (legal advisors: civilian and military; government officials; industry executives and professionals; academic professionals; and other persons interested in legal matters related to NATO). Our aim is to deliver high quality articles that benefit this wide NATO legal community. We work closely with authors to edit and align submissions in order to publish a coherent product. However, submission does not guarantee publication.

Important notes:

1. The *NATO Legal Gazette* is prepared in accordance with the NATO Military Policy on Public Affairs MC 0457/3 (Final) 31 January 2019, but is not a formally approved NATO document.
2. All contributory articles shall contain the following disclaimer: ***“The views expressed in this article are solely those of the author and may not necessarily represent the views of NATO, Allied Command Operations, or Allied Command Transformation,”*** as well as any additional disclaimer required by the author’s employer.
3. Each author is responsible for obtaining permission from her or his supervisor or employer to submit an article for release in the *NATO Legal Gazette*.
4. Submitted articles should refer to the current and applicable NATO policies, decisions and publications when appropriate. Please, be aware that *NATO Legal Gazette* is a non-classified document released to the public via HQ SACT webpage and articles may not contain classified material or information.
5. Personal Information: Please include a footnote with information about your professional credentials;

I. Article format:

- Font: Century Gothic;
- Font Size: 12;

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- Spacing: 1.15;
- Alignment Justified;
- Headings Font Size and Style: 12 and Bold, alignment centre;
- Sub-headings Style: 12, **Bold** and Underlined;
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II. Style

1. *Language and spelling*: English using British English spelling;
2. *Structure*: to permit our multilingual readers to quickly understand the purpose of your article, please begin your introduction, “*by stating a problem they should care about. State your point, the solution to the problem, at or near the end of the introduction. In that point, introduce the important concepts that you will develop in what follows. Make everything that follows relevant to your point.*”¹
3. *Tables, graphs, maps and diagrams*: please, provide a brief description of what is illustrated, its source, and basis for use;
4. Articles in the *NATO Legal Gazette* do not contain an abstract or an individual table of content.

III. References

- **Footnotes**: When citing references, please use footnotes and not endnotes. Please do not use a bibliography list in the end of your article.
- Follow the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities:
<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/publications/oscola>
- Contributors are kindly requested to use the ‘**Quick reference guide**’ when citing case-law, academic publications, websites and newspaper articles. When citing sources of international law, please use the ‘**OSCOLA 2006: citing international law section**’.

IV. Original work

All articles submitted to the *NATO Legal Gazette* must be the original work of the author or authors. Portions of any submitted article that contains previously published work should make reference to the previous work.

¹ Joseph M. Williams and Joseph Bizup, *Style, Lessons in Clarity and Grace* (page 261, 11th Edition, Pearson, 2014) See also: http://homepage.smc.edu/brigstocke_jeremy/tenprinciples.htm

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V. Editorial review of submitted articles

After receiving an article, the editorial team will review it and, if necessary, will suggest changes using the 'track changes' function.

VI. How and when to submit articles

Authors should submit articles in Microsoft Word format via e-mail to Butch Bracknell Robert.Bracknell@act.nato.int, and Galateia Gialitaki Galateia.Gialitaki@shape.nato.int, with a copy to Mette Hartov Mette.Hartov@act.nato.int and the Organizational Mailbox at SACTNATOLegalGazette@act.nato.int. The subject line in the email should read “[Author’s surname] – NATO Legal Gazette Issue 43 – Legal Aspects of Climate Change Impacts on International Security.”