North Atlantic Treaty Organization – Placard Y

**Mission statement:**

“We want to be sure that we can walk around freely in a safe and secure environment. Security in all areas of everyday life is key to our well-being but it cannot be taken for granted.

**Member countries:**

Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, the United Sates, Greece, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Albania, and Croatia.

**Cold hard facts:**

* Treaty first signed on April 4th, 1949
* All member countries contribute forces and equipment which compose the military forces of this organization
* The two official languages are English & French
* The costs of NATO are payed by the member countries on a basis of two things: one, civil and two, military
* NATO and Russia made an agreement to work together instead of against each other in 1997, and that partnership was further strengthened in May of 2002 (nato.int, 2012)

