

Bulletin 1, 9:40 a.m. EST

TURKEY REQUESTS INVOCATION OF NATO ARTICLE 5 AND REQUESTS VACCINE

TO: Members of the North Atlantic Council (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom, United States)

FROM: Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

1. The Republic of Turkey formally requests that the North Atlantic Council immediately invoke Article Five of the North Atlantic Treaty. The Republic of Turkey and other NATO members have been attacked with smallpox.
2. Under Article 5, the Republic of Turkey requests immediate assistance from its NATO allies. The Republic of Turkey has minimal stocks of vaccine, and this request would cover its entire population of 70 million persons.

Note from Staff: This bulletin was presented at the North Atlantic Council meeting in Brussels at 9:15 am EDT. The NAC is in recess pending instructions from member governments.

ARTICLE 5 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence recognised by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.

The North Atlantic Treaty. Washington D.C. April 4, 1949. Available at <http://www.nato.int/docu/basicxt/treaty.htm>. Accessed March 25, 2006.