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NATO Prepares for Annual Search and Rescue 'BOLD MERCY' Exercise

London: NATO's annual Search and Rescue exercise known as BOLD MERCY, involving the Search and Rescue facilities of nine NATO and Partnership for Peace countries will be held this year in the Baltic area.

Exercise BOLD MERCY is seen as a fantastic opportunity to practice Search and Rescue procedures with neighbouring countries (NATO and non NATO) and to test the means of communication between Rescue Co-ordination Centres. The Exercise will be divided into 3 independent elements:

Baltic South – Conducted in the Skagerrak and Kattegat and southwest Baltic. This will take place on 17 May 2011.

Baltic Centre – Conducted East of Kattegat to the Gulf of Riga. This will take place on 11 May 2011.

Baltic North – Conducted in the Gulf of Riga, Gulf of Bothnia and Gulf of Finland. This will take place on 17 May 2011.

Search and Rescue units from (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom) will participate.

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