

3. Nuclear Planning Group (NPG)

Members	All member countries except France.
Chairman	Secretary General.
Role	Principal decision-making authority on matters relating to Alliance nuclear policy.
Levels	Defence Ministers, Permanent Representatives.
Principal Subordinate Committees	High-Level Group (HLG), NPG Staff Group.
International Staff Support	Division of Defence Planning and Operations; Executive Secretariat.

4. Military Committee (MC)

Members	All member countries.
Chairman	Chairman of the Military Committee.
Role	Senior military authority in NATO under the overall authority of the North Atlantic Council and Defence Planning Committee.
Levels	Chiefs of Staff/Chiefs of Defence, National Military Representatives.
Principal Subordinate Committees	Military Committee Working Groups. A number of joint civil and military bodies also report to the Military Committee as well as to the Council and Defence Planning Committee.
International Staff Support	International Military Staff.

30. High Level Group (NPG/HLG)

Members	All member countries except France.
Chairman	National Chairman (United States).
Role	Advisory body to the Nuclear Planning Group (NPG). Meets several times per year to consider aspects of NATO's nuclear policy and planning and matters concerning the safety, security, and survivability of nuclear weapons. NB. The HLG has taken over the functions of the former Senior Level Weapons Protection Group (SLWPG) referred to in Chapter 7.
Levels	National experts from NATO capitals.
Principal Subordinate Committees	N/A.
International Staff Support	Division of Defence Planning and Operations (Nuclear Policy Directorate).

31. Economic Committee (EC)

Members	All member countries.
Chairman	Director of Economics Directorate.
Role	Advisory body to the North Atlantic Council on economic issues.
Levels	Representatives from NATO delegations (Economic Counsellors). Reinforced meetings attended by experts from capitals.
Principal Subordinate Committees	N/A.
International Staff Support	Division of Political Affairs, Economics Directorate; Executive Secretariat.