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# Madrid starts the exercise of crisis management NATO

#### Called CMX 2016

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**USPA NEWS -** NATO began on Wednesday the crisis management exercise "CMX 2016' which, as every year, held to check their procedures for consultation and decision-making at the strategic, both political and military level.

In the exercise 'CMX 2016', which takes place from 9 to 16 March, more than 2,000 civilians and military of the 28 allied nations participate, and with the participation of NATO partners such as Sweden and Finland, as well as the European Union. According to the declaration of the summit of Wales 'CMX 2016' will use a scenario fictitious crisis, but plausible, type 'Article 5 and Article 4' focused on collective defense, with challenges posed by threats of hybrid war, that a wide range of both military and civilian measures used. This will involve the practice of comprehensive responses in a civil-military complex scenario.

As in previous years, the exercise does not involve the deployment of troops on the ground and directed from the Center Driving Defense, located at the headquarters of the Spanish Defense Ministry in Madrid, where it connects with the different cells civilians and military personnel involved in the exercise, in which civil and military authorities from various ministries of the allied capitals, headquarters of NATO, its two strategic commands (ACO and ACT), its force structure are involved, agencies and international organizations, partner countries and the European Union, which participates as an observer and develop interaction and active contribution.

'CMX 2016' is the twentieth edition of exercise of crisis management NATO since 1992. Parallel to exercise designed by NATO manner, from 10 to 15 March will be held an exercise in crisis management at the national level, which will aim activation of National Security System and the subsequent activation of cells ministerial committees and coordination, according to the Spanish National Security Law.

During the exercise, participants will have to answer several assumptions that can be declared possibly of interest to national security, in the field of maritime security, cyber defense and public communication. This will imply that the competent authorities provide the necessary human and material resources that are available for the effective implementation of the mechanisms of action.

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