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SUBJECT: Afghan Election Support and the NATO Response Force (U)

- ~~(S)~~ The North Atlantic Council (NAC) met on 1 July to discuss support for the Afghan elections. Ambassador Burns reported the NAC agreed to:
 - Immediately send lead elements of the NATO Response Force (NRF) as a reconnaissance mission to Afghanistan.
 - Continue force generation efforts to find the additional forces required for Afghan election support.
- ~~(S)~~ Italy offered to provide the election mission the three infantry battalions it committed to NRF-3.
 - One to be deployed to Afghanistan as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF); the other two to be held in reserve as the over-the-horizon force.
 - Italy requested assistance in transporting these infantry battalions.
 - Germany and Spain objected to the use of NATO common funding for the airlift mission.
- ~~(S)~~ The U.S. has committed to provide ten C-17 or C-5 sorties for NRF-3 within five days of notice-to-move.
 - These U.S. airlift sorties could be used to move the Italian QRF infantry battalion to Afghanistan.
- ~~(S)~~ If we are able to deploy the Italian NRF battalion to Afghanistan, we believe this would constitute a victory in our effort to use the NRF.

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