**Elementary level (A2 Level)**

**NATO Support and Procurement Agency**

The NATO **Support** and **Procurement** Agency (NSPA) helps NATO countries with buying things, medical and building services, and support for operations. It works for 32 NATO countries and partners, **making sure** things are done well and **cost** little. NSPA does not **make a profit**. It is one of the three NATO agencies and works under NATO rules. The agency **follows** the **guidance** of the NATO Support and Procurement Organisation (NSPO) which **includes** members from all 32 NATO nations.

**Support to Operations**

NSPA helps NATO missions in different areas, making sure NATO forces are ready. It supports NATO operations in Kosovo and exercises **worldwide**. Before, it helped in Afghanistan. NSPA can quickly help during crises. It **provides** planning, base and airfield support, and other needed services. NSPA also **handles** contracts for fuel, oil, and port services for ships. In Italy, at the Southern Operational Centre (SOC), it manages camp infrastructure for NATO. NSPA plans and supports NATO defense activities and projects, including NATO Trust Fund projects that help partner countries build their defense and security abilities.

**Comprehension Questions**

**Choose the correct answer:**

1. **NSPA provides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to NATO nations.**
   1. medical and building services
   2. support and procurement services
   3. guidance and help
2. **The meaning of the underlined word „procurement“ is:**
   1. buying
   2. supporting
   3. building
3. **Which statement is NOT true about NSPA:**
   1. It operates worldwide.
   2. It supports NATO members.
   3. It makes a profit.

**4. The main idea of the text is:**

a. NSPA is a local profitable organization.

b. NSPA operates worldwide and helps its partners to save money.

c. NSPA supports NATO offensive activities all over the world.

**5. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countries in NATO.**

**Glossary:**

**support** [səˈpɔːt] podporovať

**procurement** [prəˈkjʊəmənt] získanie

**cost** [kɒst] stáť (cena)

**make sure** [meɪk ʃʊə] uistiť

**make a profit** [meɪk ˈprɒfɪt] profitovať

**follow** [ˈfɒləʊ] (na)sledovať[prəˈvaɪd] poskytnúť

**guidance** [ˈgaɪdəns] (odborné) vedenie

**include** [ɪnˈkluːd] zahŕňať

**including** [ɪnˈkluːdɪŋ] vrátane

**worldwide** [ˈwɜːldˈwaɪd] celosvetovo

**provide** [prəˈvaɪd] poskytnúť

**handle** [ˈhændəl] mať na starosti

**Intermediate level (B1+ Level)**

**NATO Support and** **Procurement Agency**

The NATO Support and **Procurement** Agency (NSPA) is a vital organization within NATO that combines various capabilities, including **acquisition**, logistics, medical services, and infrastructure support. Its primary goal is to provide efficient and cost-effective solutions for NATO member nations and partner countries. Operating on a "no profit - no loss" basis, NSPA is funded by its customers and aims to enhance the operational readiness of the Alliance.

As one of three NATO agencies, NSPA operates under charters approved by the North Atlantic Council. It serves as the executive body of the NATO Support and Procurement Organisation (NSPO), which includes all 32 NATO nations. These nations guide NSPA's strategic direction through the NSPO Agency Supervisory Board, ensuring an oversight of its activities and performance.

**Support to Operations**

Over the years, NSPA has developed significant expertise in supporting various NATO operations, including those in Kosovo and previously in Afghanistan. The agency's operational support capabilities are **diverse**, including logistics planning, base support services, and real-life support for troops. NSPA has also established itself as a reliable option for urgent crisis response, providing logistical support that **encompasses** airfield operations and infrastructure management.

Additionally, NSPA manages contracts for fuel supplies and port services for naval operations. Through its Southern Operational Centre in Taranto, Italy, it oversees deployable camp infrastructure and related services for NATO operations. The agency is actively involved in planning NATO's **deterrence** and defence-related initiatives while also implementing Trust Fund projects to enhance security and defence capabilities in partner countries.

**Comprehension Questions**

**Choose the correct answer:**

**1. What is the primary goal of the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)?**

a) To operate at a profit basis

b) To provide efficient solutions for NATO member nations and partner countries

c) To manage military operations directly

d) To conduct international military exercises

**2. How does NSPA operate financially?**

a) It receives funding from NATO only

b) It operates on a neither gain nor lose money policy

c) It is funded by private investors

d) It charges member nations a fee for its services

**3. Which of the following is NOT a service provided by NSPA?**

a) Medical services

b) Infrastructure support

c) Direct combat operations

d) Logistics planning

**Match the terms with their correct descriptions:**

***Term Description***

A. NSPA 1. Location in Italy for managing deployable camps

B. Southern Operational Centre 2. Financial model of NSPA

C. "No profit - no loss" 3. Organization that includes all NATO nations

D. NSPO 4. Provides logistical support and procurement services

**Complete the unfinished sentences**

1. Through its Southern Operational Centre, NSPA oversees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for NATO operations.
2. The agency plays a crucial role in enhancing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through integrated logistics solutions.

**Glossary:**

**procurement**  strategické získanie, dodanie

**acquisition**  kúpa, nákup

**diverse** rozmanitý

**encompass**  zahŕňať

**deterrence** zastrašovanie

**Advanced (C1 Level)**

**NATO Support and Procurement Agency**

NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) brings together, in a single organization, acquisition, logistic, medical and infrastructural capabilities, operational and systems support and services to the NATO nations, NATO Military Authorities and partner nations.

As NATO's primary enabler, its mission is to provide effective and cost-efficient multinational solutions to the Alliance, its 32 Nations and Partners. NSPA is a customer-funded agency, operating on a "no profit - no loss" basis.

As one of the three NATO Agencies, NSPA operates under North Atlantic Council-approved charters. The Agency is the executive body of the NATO Support and Procurement Organisation (NSPO), of which all 32 NATO nations are members. Those nations represented on the NSPO Agency Supervisory Board (ASB), provide strategic direction and guidance to NSPA and oversee its activities and performance.

**Support to Operations**

Over the years, NSPA has developed considerable expertise in the provision of support services in different operational theatres, contributing to the readiness of the Alliance's forces and the strengthening of NATO's defence and **deterrence posture**. The Agency currently provides extensive support to NATO operations in Kosovo and NATO exercises across the world. Previously, NSPA provided support services to military operations in Afghanistan.

NSPA own a wide spectrum of proven operational support capabilities, including in the area of urgent response to crisis, where the Agency has become a recognised option for international organisations and governments. The Agency's support includes operational logistic planning (due its **designation** as the Contractor Integrator for NATO operations support), base support services, real life support services, infrastructure, airfield support, and any other logistics services that Allies may require.

The Agency also manages contracts with global coverage for fuel, oil supplies and port services for naval shipping. Through its Southern Operational Centre (SOC), located in Taranto, Italy, NSPA procures, manages, operates, and maintains deployable camp infrastructure and associated contracted services for NATO and its nations.

The Agency has been closely engaged in planning and supporting NATO Deterrence and Defence activities as well as Projecting Stabilities initiatives. NSPA is responsible for the implementation of NATO Trust Fund projects, supporting security and defence-related projects and building capabilities in NATO partner countries.

**Comprehension Questions**

**1. What is the key mission of the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)?**

a. to generate earnings for NATO operations

b. to provide adequate solutions for NATO

c. to support medical services for NATO

d. to engage in NATO deterrence activities

**2. Which of the following services is NOT mentioned as part of NSPA's support capabilities?**

a. immediate response to emergencies

b. operational logistic planning

c. base support services

d. operational auditing

**3. Which body provides strategic direction and guidance to NSPA?**

a. North Atlantic Council

b. NATO Military Authorities

c. NSPO Agency Supervisory Board

d. United Nations Security Council

**4.** In the text find the word which is close in meaning to **‘*to supervise’.***

**5.** In the text find the word which is close in meaning to **‘facilitator‘.**

**Glossary:**

**procurement**

- the process of obtaining supplies of something, especially for a government or an organization

**deterrence posture**

- a position in which you make sure that somebody is less likely to do something

**designation**

- a name, title or description

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**The key**

**Elementary**

1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. b, 5. 32/thirty-two

**Intermediate**

1.b, 2.b, 3.c,

A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3

1. deployable camp infrastructure, 2. operational readiness

**Advanced**

1. b, 2. d, 3. c, 4. to oversee, to manage, 5. enabler