



GEORGIA FACT SHEET: SECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES



The United States has been Georgia's strongest and most persistent supporter since Georgia regained its independence in 1991. As security partners, they have developed a deep, durable, and mutually beneficial security and defense relationship over nearly three decades, now codified in many agreements and understandings. In addition to its commitment to NATO, Georgia is an integral part of American planning for maintaining regional stability in the face of multiple security challenges. These include anti-terrorism strategies related to the Middle East and the North Caucasus, defending U.S. and allies' interests on the Black Sea frontier, safeguarding Eurasian energy and transport networks, and lending strength to support key U.S. allies like Israel.

FORMAL AGREEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- ▷ Since 2002: U.S. assistance to Georgian Defense Forces (GDF) through Partnership for Peace (PfP), International Military Education and Training (IMET), and Georgia Train and Equip (GTEP) programs.
- ▷ 2009: United States-Georgia Charter on Strategic Partnership, which has generated: Strategic Defense Review (2014); New National Security Strategy; Military Personnel Management System initiatives; Structural reorganization of the Georgia Armed Forces.
- ▷ 2016 (renewed for 2019-22): Memorandum on Deepening the Defense and Security Partnership between the United States and Georgia.
- ▷ Since 1997: Georgia has received over \$300 million in Foreign Military Financing from U.S.

INSTITUTION-BUILDING, DEFENSE PLANNING, AND MILITARY EDUCATION

- ▷ 1994: State Partnership Program with State of Georgia National Guard for development assistance in logistics, cyberspace operations, disaster preparedness, rotary wing capability, family readiness, and legal/medical/inspector general functions.
- ▷ 2008 onward: U.S. European Command comprehensive assessment of Georgian Defense Forces, focusing on defense education, defense sector reform, and building strategic and educational foundations to facilitate training, education, and rational force structure design and procurement.
 - ▷ Creation of the National Defense Academy
 - ▷ Establishment of the Georgian Simulations Training Center
 - ▷ Development of a Georgian Command and Staff Training Course
- ▷ 2017: Georgia Defense Readiness Program (GDRP), including development of Combat Training Center for training in integrated, live, and virtual combat.
- ▷ 2017: U.S.-Georgia Bilateral Defense Consultations provide support to GAF's logistics action plan through additional engagements, training, and exercises.
- ▷ 2018: Construction of rehabilitation facility to provide center of regional excellence for Wounded Warriors and family members.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

- ▷ Georgia provided 7800 soldiers for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- ▷ Georgia provides the largest number of soldiers per capita of any allied nation in Afghanistan, including all European states.
- ▷ Georgian armed forces support for Kosovo peacekeeping operations (KFOR) in 1999-2008.

