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In 2007, Italy deployed, on average (12 months), 7,482 land force personnel in operations of which 5,074 in NATO operations and 2,408 in non-NATO operations. This corresponds to 4.14% and 1.38% of the reported land forces strength. The average figure for all services personnel deployed in 2007 was 8,659.

The most significant operational contributions include the responsibility of Regional Command (RC) West and RC Capital in Afghanistan (ISAF) and commitments to KFOR, ALTHEA and UNIFIL operations. Several other commitments were undertaken for UN and EU missions.

Italy is also a strong contributor to the NATO Response Force with significant contributions over the last three years during which the Maritime Component Command (MCC) for NRF 5&6 and the Land Component Command for NRF 9 (2007) were offered along with minor contributions to the other rotations and to the Air Component Command and CJSOCC. Future commitments include the responsibility for the CJSOCC (2008-2009) and the MCC (2009-2010).

As to the EU Battlegroup (BG) initiative, Italy contributed to three Battlegroup packages (national in 2005, amphibious within SIAF/SILF in 2006 and within the Multinational Land Force in 2007). It will contribute also to a BG in 2009, 2010 and 2012.

The reported land forces strength (2006) is 122,600; deployable personnel is 54,800 while sustainable personnel is 14,900.

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