

# NATO Chief Agrees With Donald Trump, Europe Should Stump Up More Cash For Military Alliance

["obsolete"](#) in a world threatened by terrorism. The former Prime Minister of Norway did, nevertheless, share his concern that Europe should pay more for its defence.

According to *POLITICO*, Mr. Stoltenberg [said](#): "I think NATO is obsolete."

First, making a general comment, he pointed to the stability which NATO has helped maintain, explaining:

"My message is that NATO is important for the security of both the United States and Europe. I think the two World Wars have taught the U.S. that stability, peace in Europe, is also important for the United States."

Mr. Stoltenberg went on to deal directly with Mr. Trump's suggestion that NATO is a historical institution made obsolete in a post-Soviet era of terror, saying any future President of the U.S. should not forget that "the only time we evoked Article 5, the collective defence clause of NATO, was in defence of the United States, after the 9/11 terrorist attacks."

Mr. Stoltenberg reminded those present at the *POLITICO* event: "Many European nations have sent soldiers to Afghanistan and more than 1,000 of them have lost their lives ... in an operation that has been organised in protection of the United States against global terrorism."