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Annotation

Classical peacekeeping operations under the auspices of the United Nations during the Cold War, when a neutral military era mandated by both parties and settled in a zone of conflict with the consent of both parties, has evolved significantly. With the disintegration of the bipolar world order, conflicts and crises erupted all over the world, to which various organizations of the international community (UN, OSCE, NATO, EU) tried to respond and find a solution.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, seeking its new role and future, soon activated itself and used its capabilities to overtake the institutions of the international community, and soon became the number one practical implementer of the UN's efforts to establish peace and security. In the words of Lord George Robertson, "NATO, as the world's largest permanent coalition, is today the most effective crisis management tool for the international community".

Currently, NATO has a significant presence in the Middle East in the peace support operation in Afghanistan, making ISAF (International Security Assistance Forces) the most significant operation of the Alliance today. Peace support operations here faithfully reflect the Alliance's current level of development, and as the presence in Afghanistan is likely to continue for a long time, Operation ISAF will provide an opportunity to serve as a "testing ground" for NATO's future concepts.

In order to outline NATO's role in peace operations and its circumstances, it is necessary to address the factors influencing the Alliance's development in this direction - in this case, certain peace operations, strategic ideas, concepts - until we get to today's NATO-led peace support operations. The combined knowledge of these factors makes it possible to draw the future picture of federal peace operations, which also defines the role and tasks of Hungary arising from its membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.