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## **Majority (60%) of Global Citizens Support NATO's Military Intervention in Libya**

### ***Support Among NATO Countries Mixed (57%)***

**New York** – A new poll conducted by global research company Ipsos for Reuters News finds a majority (60%) of citizens from 23 countries support the actions of a number of countries that are part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ('NATO' – including the United States, France, Great Britain, Canada and Germany) with the support of the Arab League, to enforce a United Nations Resolution and intervene, militarily, in Libya.

The study, which was conducted after a UN resolution approved a “no-fly zone” and NATO nations began bombing missions against Colonel Gaddafi, the current ruler of Libya, indicates that citizens from South Africa (83%) are most likely to support the action, followed then by those from Belgium (78%), Australia (77%), India (75%), France (72%), Sweden (71%), Canada (70%), Brazil (68%), Japan (68%), Spain (64%), South Korea (63%), Poland (62%), the United States (61%), Germany (59%), Great Britain (58%), Hungary (54%), Mexico (53%), and Italy (52%).

Those countries least likely to support the mission are: Russia (23%), Turkey (35%), Argentina (38%), Indonesia (46%) and a completely split Saudi Arabia (50%).

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Out of those NATO countries interviewed for this study, the most support for military intervention is in Belgium (78%) followed by strong support in France (72%) and Canada (70%).

The support is softer, but still strong, in Spain (64%), Poland (62%), the United States (61%), Germany (59%) and Great Britain (58%).

Weakest support among NATO countries registers in Hungary (54%), Italy (52%) and Turkey (which flip-flopped but ultimately supported the UN resolution), where only one third (35%) of its citizens support the actions.

*The survey instrument was conducted among 23 countries including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America. An international sample of 18,531 adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed between April 6 and April 21, 2011 via the Ipsos Online Panel system. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis with the exception of Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Russia and Turkey, where each have a sample 500+. Weighting was then employed to balance*



*demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflected that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-3.1 percentage points for a sample of 1,000 and an estimated margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points for a sample of 500 19 times out of 20 per country of what the results would have been had the entire population of the specifically aged adults in that country been polled.*

*Question asked to respondents: As you may know, a number of countries who are part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO"), including the United States, France, Great Britain, Canada and Germany, undertook, with the support of the Arab League, to enforce a United Nations Resolution and intervene, militarily, in Libya. Based on what you have seen, read or heard, do you support very much, support somewhat, oppose somewhat or oppose very much, this intervention?*

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