

WELCOME REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
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- Pleased to welcome this group of representatives from the NATO nations to the campus of Georgia Tech. Honored to be co-hosts with the U.S. Army environmental Policy Institute for this working meeting of the NATO Committee on the Challenges of a Modern Society.
- Much of the publicity about university research these days focuses on exotic fields like biotechnology, nanotechnology, and computing technology. But as a civil engineer, I know that the survival of modern society and the quality of life it offers depend on many other more fundamental technologies.
- One of the challenges of modern society is the impact of noise from weapons and aircraft on animals, humans and structures, as well as the way these noises are affected by the topography around them.
- Georgia Tech has technical expertise to offer in these areas. For example, GTRI developed Falcon View... Now starting to work with the Air Force to utilize Falcon View in controlling environmental noise created by aircraft.
- GT School of Civil and Environmental Engineering ranked among top 10 programs in U.S., and we are concerned about noise impact on natural environmental, and the ability of buildings and other structures to withstand noise vibrations and sonic booms.
- Georgia Tech and GTRI share the concerns of this group, and believe we have resources to offer in addressing this important subject. Proud to host this working meeting on our campus, and look forward to working with the committee.