



STO Electronic Publishing – Notes for Authors and Editors

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Layout	justified, single line spacing.
Page	Arial 9pt, placed in the
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Pages or	bold, centred (see title on
Chapters	page 1).
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Name and	on page 1). The full postal
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	(with the post code) must
	be provided.
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Table 1: A4 Page Set-Up

	Top/Bottom Margins	Left/Right Margins	Headers/Footers
(centimetres):	3.3/2.7	2.2	1.25/1.78
(inches):	1.3/1.06	0.87	0.49/0.7

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	Top/Bottom Margins	Left/Right Margins	Headers/Footers
(centimetres):	2.8/2.7	2.3	0.75/1.68
(inches):	1.1/1.06	0.9	0.3/0.66

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Table 3: Security Classifications

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NATO UNCLASSIFIED	NATO SANS CLASSIFICATION
NATO RESTRICTED	NATO DIFFUSION RESTREINTE
NATO CONFIDENTIAL	NATO CONFIDENTIEL
NATO SECRET	NATO SECRET

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Figure 1: NATO Logo.

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