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The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has received limited attention from international institutional law scholars. However, there is an abundance of literature focused on the practical application of Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty (NAT), its crisis response operations, out-of-area activities, and its political evolution.

This book explores the unique institutionalization of NATO, examining the historical and legal precedents that influenced the drafters of the NAT to protect the Allies. This framework was largely inspired by the UN Charter's commitment to maintaining international peace and security. The Allies played a pivotal role in transforming NATO from a simple alliance into a fully-fledged international organization.

The book addresses key institutional issues relevant to NATO's decision-making process and the interpretation of the NAT. It offers a functional approach to understanding NATO's institutional development, as reflected in its legal position, rights, and duties. The book uses a structured taxonomy to explain the core legal aspects of NATO's intricate organizational framework.

This is a volume in the series of the Meijers Research Institute and Graduate School of the Leiden Law School of Leiden University. This study is part of the Law School's research programme 'Exploring the Frontiers of International Law'.