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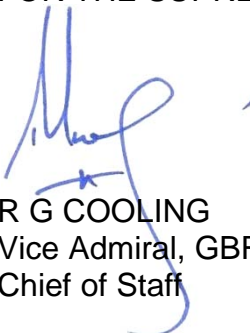
SUBJECT: Terms of Reference (TOR) for NATO Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) Task Force (TF)

DATE: 3 March 2010

REFERENCE: IMSM-0725-2009 Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED) Action Plan-Tasking ACT to take the lead role, dated 17 Dec 09

1. Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) continue to provide a threat to NATO forces, both in current operations and for the foreseeable future. Counter- Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) activities and efforts extend across all domains of NATO activities. To ensure cohesive and coordinated NATO and indeed national efforts, the NATO C-IED Task Force will be the focal point for all C-IED matters in the Alliance.
2. The NATO C-IED Task Force has been directed to coordinate NATO-wide efforts to identify gaps and shortfalls in order to develop and manage the implementation of the C-IED Action Plan. When the Action Plan is approved by Nations, the TF will manage the implementation of the Plan. The TF will also serve as a mechanism to help coordinate with SCs for the validation of strategic, operational and tactical requirements and for ensuring development of industrial solutions through the appropriate NATO bodies.
3. ACT has been tasked to take the lead of the NATO C-IED Task force. The C-IED Task Force will report directly to the C-IED Capability Monitor, Major General Kjell-Ove Skare, on all matters regarding C-IED capability development, implementation and acquisition related to the CIED Action Plan.
4. The HQ ACT point of contact for CIED issues is LTC John Greaves, 757 747 4244 or John.Greaves@act.nato.int.

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1. Terms of Reference (TOR) for NATO Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) Task Force

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NATO COUNTER IED TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Background

- a. The use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) poses a significant and continuous threat to personnel and equipment in the major operations that NATO is currently conducting. This threat extends beyond the current area of operations and is a significant concern to the safety and security of individual nations within the Alliance.
- b. Nations, as well as the Alliance's different bodies and supporting institutions, are working on ways to counter this threat both operationally, conceptually and by way of equipment and infrastructure improvements.
- c. Due to the multitude of actors involved in this endeavour there is a need to coordinate the efforts to avoid duplication and foster synergies. The Strategic Commands (SCs) and the NATO Standardization Agency (NSA) play a key role on the military side, while the Defence Investment Division of the International Staff (IS/DI) at NATO HQ has a key role in managing and coordinating projects under the CNAD umbrella.
- d. The MC, in line with the tasking from the NAC, has tasked ACT to appoint a C-IED Capability Monitor (CM) to take the lead of the NATO C-IED Task Force, in accordance with the provisions of NATO Defence Planning Process (NDPP).

2. Mission

The NATO C-IED TF is to coordinate NATO-wide efforts to identify gaps and shortfalls in order to develop and manage the implementation of the C-IED Action Plan

3. Tasks. The NATO C-IED TF will:

- a. Coordinate NATO-wide efforts to identify gaps and shortfalls in order to develop and manage the implementation of the C-IED Action Plan.
- b. Develop the NATO C-IED Action Plan in close coordination with NATO Commands and Bodies. When the Plan is approved by Nations, the TF will manage the implementation of the plan.
- c. Serve as a mechanism to help coordinate with SCs for the validation of strategic, operational and tactical requirements and for ensuring development of industrial solutions through the appropriate NATO bodies.

- d. Consistent with the provisions of the document 'EU and NATO: Coherent and Mutually Reinforcing Capability Requirements', maintain staff to staff consultations in order to support the NATO-EU capability group in enhancing mutual transparency and more synergy in mutually reinforcing capability development efforts in the field of C-IED within the EU.
- e. Identify and recommend ways to resolve obstacles delaying the improvement of NATO's C-IED ability.

4. **Membership**

- a. The designated CM, as appointed by SACT, is ACOS PPM and the ACT CIED IPT Leader will manage the TF daily work.
- b. The C-IED TF primary members are listed in Annex A. The CM may invite additional representatives from other NATO bodies and supporting institutions, as well as nations and international organizations, on a case by case basis when appropriate.

5. **Meetings**

- a. The C-IED TF will meet on a quarterly basis, or as required, by direction of the TF.

6. **Reporting**

- a. Minutes of the C-IED TF meetings will be posted on the ACT C-IED classified website.

ANNEX A:

NATO C-IED TF Permanent Members

NATO C-IED TASK FORCE PERMANENT MEMBERS

NATO C-IED TF Permanent Members:

International Staff/ Defence Investment (IS DI)
International Staff Operations (IS OPS)
International Military Staff Operations (IMS OPS)
International Military Staff Intelligence (IMS INT)
NATO Office of Resource (NOR)
NATO Standardisation Agency (NSA)
Allied Command Transformation (ACT)
Allied Command Operations (ACO)
Joint Forces Command Brunssum (JFC-B)
Counter-Insurgency Task Force (COIN TF)
Joint Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Task Force (JISR TF)
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