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1. Military Policy: New Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces

On 25 February 2010, a Transfer of Authority ceremony was held during which the Ukrainian Armed Forces were officially put under the command of the new President of Ukraine – the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Viktor Yanukovich.

Comment: According to the ceremony scenario, the Chief of the General Staff – the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, General of the Ukrainian Army Ivan Svyda reported to the President of Ukraine – the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and introduced the Commanders of the Services, namely the Commander of the Land Forces, Colonel-General Genadii Vorobiov, the Commander of the Air Force, Colonel-General Ivan Rusnak and the Commander of the Navy, Admiral Ihor Tenukh. The ceremony was concluded by a guard of honour company marching before the President of Ukraine.

2. Military Policy: New Promotions to High Ranks

On 23 February 2010, the President of Ukraine – the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Viktor Yuschenko, issued Decrees № 217/2010 and № 219/2010 thereby promoting the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant-General Volodymyr Mozharovskyi to Colonel-General and the Chief of the Land Forces Academy (named after Hetman Petro Sagaidachnyi) Major-General Pavlo Tkachuk to Lieutenant-General.

Comment: Volodymyr Mykolaiovych Mozharovskyi was born in 1952. In 1973 he graduated from the Leningrad Higher Combined Arms Command College; in 1992 – from the Frunze Military Academy and in 1998 – from the Ukrainian Armed Forces Academy (the Operational-Strategic Department). Commissioned in 1973 and appointed platoon leader followed by a number of successive positions up to the Chief of Staff – First Deputy Commander of the Land Forces. From 2007 to 2010 – Commander of the Joint Operational Command. In January 2010 appointed First Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

Pavlo Petrovych Tkachuk was born in 1952. In 1977 he graduated from the Odessa Higher Artillery Command College. Subsequently graduated from the Military Artillery Academy (1992) and the Ternopol Academy of National Economy (in 2003). In 2005 graduated from the Ukrainian National Defence Academy (the Operational-Strategic Department). From 1977 to 2002 served as an active duty officer on various command positions. In 2002 appointed Chief of the Lviv Military Institute by the Defence Minister's Decree.

3. Funding of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: Funding in January 2010

On 23 February 2010, the Acting Defence Minister of Ukraine Valerii Ivaschenko informed that the Ukrainian Defence Ministry was, in effect, working within last year's funding framework.

Comment: According to the Budgetary Code, financial allocations for defence are calculated as 1/12 of the previous year's budget per month. In 2009 the State Budget provided for 12,8 billion UAH to be allocated to the Defence Ministry. Only 7,4 billion UAH out of this sum came from the General Fund and 4,2 billion UAH from the Special Fund. 1,2 billion UAH were allocated to the Defence Ministry from the Stabilization Fund.

In reality, in 2009 the Defence Ministry received 8 340,9 million UAH (0,79% of the GDP), including 7 338,5 million UAH (88%) from the General Fund, 588,4 million UAH (7%) from the Special Fund and 414 million UAH (5%) from the Stabilization Fund.

The Government provides only pay and food supply for the military. It also funds, albeit to a limited extent, use of public utilities and salaries for civilian employees. No money is allocated for combat training, repair, procurement of equipment and implementation of infrastructure projects. See Annex to IAR DN 8/2010 for more information on funding of the MoD's needs from the General Fund of the State Budget in 2010.

4. Combat Training: Ship "Slavutych" Put out to Sea

In compliance with the combat training plan for 2010, the ship "Slavutych" was put out to sea for an artillery exercise to fire at air and sea targets.

Comment: Skills exercised in the course of this training activity included maintenance of survivability as well as countersabotage, anti-ship, and anti-aircraft defence. The sailors fired their regular small arms at the enemy sabotage force. Based on the analysis of last year's performance, the control ship "Slavutych" is acknowledged as the best vessel of the Maritime Operations Centre.

The ship "Slavutych" was built in 1992 and subsequently adopted by the Ukrainian Navy. The ships specifications are: displacement: 5010 tons; dimensions: length – 106m, beam – 16m, draught – 6m; main power plant – one-shaft (5236hp); range – 13 000 miles at 14 knots; full speed – 14,8 knots; crew – 150 personnel (including 26 officers).

5. Peacekeeping: Command-Post Exercise of the Battle Group "East" (KFOR)

On 23 February 2010, military personnel of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent took part in a CPX with troops of the transformed Multinational Battle Group "East".

Comment: The Ukrainian national peacekeeping contingent will be represented in this exercise by an independent structural unit. The POLUKRBAT will, in effect, cease to exist as a result of the KFOR reformation and its transition to a new phase of the operation. The main aim of the exercise is integration of military units of national peacekeeping contingents within the new organizational structure of the transformed Multinational Battle Group "East".

The legal basis for establishment of the Polish-Ukrainian battalion was provided by the Defence Minister's Decree No152 of 31 May 1996 "On Establishment of the Joint Polish-Ukrainian Peacekeeping Battalion". Decree No1 of 1 September 1997 issued by the Commander of the 208th Separate special task battalion established the list of personnel. The

strengths of the Ukrainian peacekeeping battalion operating as part of KFOR is 180 personnel, including 44 officers, 15 WOs, 120 private soldiers and sergeants, and 1 civilian.

6. International Cooperation: Plan of Multinational Exercises for 2010

On 24 February 2010, the President of Ukraine, Victor Yushenko, signed Decree №253/2010 thereby approving the Plan of multinational exercises in Ukraine involving UAF units and their participation in multinational exercises outside Ukraine in 2010 within the framework of military cooperation.

Comment: The President of Ukraine tasked the Defence Ministry with submitting, in due order, propositions to the National Security and Defence Council on admission of foreign military units to Ukraine for participation in multinational military exercises in 2010. The Plan of multinational exercises in Ukraine involving UAF units and their participation in multinational exercise outside Ukraine in 2010 provides for conduct of 21 multinational exercises including 9 exercises in Ukraine and 12 exercises outside Ukraine.

At the same time, the decision on admission of foreign military units to Ukraine for participation in joint military exercises is made exclusively by the Supreme Council of Ukraine on the assumption of its approval by the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. For instance, in 2009 due to lack of the appropriate decision by the Ukrainian Parliament, 10 multinational exercises were cancelled (replaced with small-scale command-post trainings), including 5 exercises in Ukraine and 5 outside Ukraine.

7. Ukraine-NATO: Officer Training as Part of OCC

On 22 February 2010, a training course commenced in Oberammergau. The topic of the course is evaluation of army units of NATO member states and partners in the framework of the Operational Capabilities Concept.

Comment: The chief aim of the Ukrainian officers' participation is to train them for Level II Evaluation of assigned UAF units in the framework of the Operational Capabilities Concept.

As of today, 25 evaluation activities have already been conducted in the UAF units declared for the OCC, including 10 Level I Evaluations done by NATO experts and 15 Level I Self-Evaluations. The Ukrainian Armed Forces presently have 59 national experts qualified to conduct the OCC evaluation, including 32 experts authorized to conduct Level II Evaluation.

8. Defence-Industrial Complex: Government Order for 10 Combat Vehicles "Oplot"

The State Enterprise "Morozov Machine Building Design Bureau" in cooperation with the State Enterprise "Kharkiv Plant named after Malyshev" received a government order for production of the first 10 combat vehicles "Oplot" plus a few more dozen pieces of brand-new armoured equipment.

Comment: The Morozov Design Bureau and the Malyshev Plant have commenced preparation for batch manufacturing of the BM "Oplot", the APC "BTR-4" and the armoured recovery vehicle "Atlet". The project is to be duly completed by the end of 2010.

In 2008-2009, the tank BM "Oplot" passed a state testing and in 2009 it was adopted by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "Oplot" is the result of a drastic modernization of the tank T-84. The aim of the modernization was to bring fighting and technical characteristics of the tank up to the modern level. The modernization was focused on three key areas: mobility (upgrade of the power plant); protection (reduced vulnerability to modern antitank weapons); firepower (modernization of weapons and the fire control system with a view to increased fire efficiency).

9. The Ukrainian Armed Force and Society: Presentation of the "White Book 2009. The Armed Forces of Ukraine".

On 23 February 2010, a presentation of the "White Book 2009. The Armed Forces of Ukraine" was held in the Central Officers' Club in Kiev.

Comment: The presentation was attended by the Acting Defence Minister of Ukraine, Valerii Ivaschenko, the Chief of the General Staff – the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, General of the Army of Ukraine Ivan Svyda, chiefs of various structural units of the defence agency as well as mass media representatives.

The "White Book 2009" is the fifth publication of the defence agency that was launched in 2006 in compliance with the Law of Ukraine "On Democratic Civilian Control of the Military Organization and Law Enforcement Agencies of the State" in order to inform the public, in a regular and systematic fashion, about the UAF activity, national defence policy, challenges and problems that arise in this domain as well as possible solutions to these problems.

**Funding of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry
from the General Fund of the State Budget in 2010**

Budget Programmes	Earmarked from the General Fund in 2009	Provided for by the temporary plan		Allotted in 2010	
		January	February	January	February
Total	7 428 528,1	636 683,9	592 683,8	636 683,9	587 333,8
Management, Command and Control of the Ukrainian Armed Forces	179 256,2	14 026,6	16 620,2	14 026,6	16 470,2
Sustainment of the UAF personnel	5 867 481,7	536 429,1	494 147,2	536 429,1	489 321,6
Providing the UAF with communications. Establishment and development of command posts and automated command and control systems	5 552,7	295,2	295,2	295,2	225,2
Medical treatment, rehabilitation (aftercare) and sanatorium treatment of the UAF personnel	506 794,1	34 326,6	33 877,8	34 326,6	33 877,8
Training for officer positions, advanced training, retraining of officers and civil servants	465 030,3	39 844,4	36 796,1	39 844,4	36 796,1
Mobilization and recruiting (conscription) for the UAF and other military formations	3 653,2	304,4	304,4	304,4	
Reformation and development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces	86 746,3	3 559,4	2 707,2	3 559,4	2 707,2
Procurement and modernization of weapons and equipment by the Defence Ministry	125 441,5				
Application-oriented study in the national defence domain	39 236,7				
Maintenance, repair and use of weapons and equipment. Restoration of their combat potential	26 965,6				
Construction and overhauls of military facilities	817,5				
Ensuring survivability, fire and explosion prevention at arsenals, storages and depots with armament, rockets and ammunition of the UAF	31 686,6				
Disposal of conventional ammunition not fit for further storage and use	840,0				
Ukraine's participation in multinational peacekeeping operations	74 613,2	7 253,4	7 290,9	7 253,4	7 290,9
Observation of international agreements in the military sphere	8 424,5	644,8	644,8	644,8	644,8
Training of pilot cadets for the UAF by the Kharkiv Air club of the Society for Assistance to Defence of Ukraine	1 290,5				
Reimbursement of identified cases from the Social Insurance Fund	120,0				
Protection of high-profile state facilities	4 417,1				
Social adaptation of retired servicemen	160,4				