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### **1. Defense capability of the State: Working Meeting between the President of Ukraine and the MoD and the GS Leaders**

On 4 January 2010 in the course of his visit to Ternopil Region President of Ukraine Victor Yushchenko held a working meeting with leaders of the Defense Ministry and the General Staff.

**Comment:** *Issues discussed at the meeting include sustainment of the Armed Forces and support to their routine daily activities, completion of budgetary financing in 2009 as well as further enhancement of Ukraine's defence capability in 2010. The summary of the previous meeting between the President and the MoD and GS leaders held on 12 December 2009 confirmed that the Ukrainian Armed Forces require 266,5 million hryvnias for the following purposes: sustainment of conscripts – 131,9 million Hr, Ukraine's participation in international peacekeeping operations – 48,5 million Hr, fuel and lubricants – 18,5 million H., other urgent issues – 67,6 million Hr. The aforementioned funds must be allotted in addition to the UAF quota which presently – until the State Budget for 2010 is adopted – amounts monthly to 1/12 of budgetary appropriations of 2009.*

### **2. Personnel Policy: New Appointments in the General Staff and the Land Forces**

On 4 January 2010 in order to improve command and control of the UAF the President of Ukraine endorsed the decision of Acting Defence Minister on new appointments in the General Staff and the Land Forces. The Decree on appointments was signed by Acting Defence Minister on 5 January 2010.

**Comment:** *The following new assignments have been endorsed: Lieutenant General V.Mozharovskyi (Commander of the Joint Operational Command) has been appointed First Deputy Chief of the General Staff; Lieutenant General R.Nurullin (Chief of Army Staff – First Deputy Commander of the Land Forces) has been appointed Commander of the Joint Operational Command; Rear Admiral I.Kabanenko (Chief of the Main Operations Department of the General Staff) has been appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff; Lieutenant General V. Zamana (Deputy Commander of the Land Forces on Combat Training – Chief of Combat Training Department) has been appointed Chief of Army Staff – First Deputy Commander of the Ukrainian Land Forces.*

### **3. Peacekeeping: Ukrainian Peacekeepers Abroad**

As of the beginning of 2010 522 Ukrainian peacekeepers operate within UN- and NATO-led missions in seven different countries.

**Comment:** *Since 1992 some 34000 Ukrainian servicemen have participated in international peacekeeping operations. 47 Ukrainian servicemen died over this period. As of today, Ukrainian military units and servicemen are participating in the following international peacekeeping operations: United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), KFOR, Joint Peacekeeping Force in Transdnister region of Moldova Republic, United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS), NATO Training Mission in Iraq (NTM-I), International Security assistance Force in Afghanistan (ISAF). Besides 100 Ukrainian servicemen are currently operating abroad within staff partnership elements, coordination centres, NATO international HQ and taking various training courses. See Annex to IAR DN 01/2010 for more detail.*

### **4. Personnel Training: Language Training in the Ukrainian Armed Forces**

Over 1000 servicemen and civilians have been trained over the past two years at UAF Language Training and Scientific Centres operating at three higher military educational establishments in the cities of Kharkiv, Lviv and Sevastopol.

**Comment:** *UAF Language Training and Scientific Centres were established in early January of 2008 on Defence Minister's Decree as elements of three service-specific higher military educational establishments in the cities of Lviv (the Army), Sevastopol (the Navy) and Kharkiv (the Air Force). Their key mission is introduction of the latest language training methodology in the troops as well as organization of language training for servicemen tailored to peculiarity of military vocabulary according to STANAG-6001. Intake of students is done twice a year, namely in February and September. The training lasts for 3-4 months depending on each individual trainee's qualification.*

### **5. Professionalization of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: Training NBCd Specialists**

On 26 December 2009 the 180<sup>th</sup> NBCd Training Centre situated in the city of Kharkiv held a graduation ceremony for contract servicemen.

**Comment:** *A regular training course at the 180<sup>th</sup> Training Centre lasts for three months. The specialities taught here include "NBCd reconnaissance and radiation monitoring", "Specially processed fluids", "Calculation and analysis stations specialists", "Calculation and analysis stations operator". The Centre trains military specialists for operating NBCd armoured and motor vehicles, namely UAZ-469RHB, BRDM-2RHB, RHM-4.01, TDA-2K and ARS-14. 178 hours are assigned to special training i.e. hands-on training with real equipment.*

### **6. Professionalization of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: Training Contract Specialists for Signal Troops**

On 29 December 2009 the 179<sup>th</sup> Signal Troops Joint Education and Training Centre in Poltava Region held a regular graduation ceremony for contract specialists.

**Comment:** *This is the last graduation of specialists after three months' training. After appropriate certification of the*

main specialities of this training establishment the training course for signallers will from now on last for five months. This will enable better training for specialists. Upon completion of a five-month course graduates will receive official state diplomas.

In order to facilitate the UAF transition to contract-based service it is important to offer contract servicemen a powerful incentive that would motivate them to stay in the army. According to the DSPC data only a quarter of contract servicemen (23,9%) assume a positive attitude towards their status whereas 35,4% contract servicemen are willing to carry on military service (public opinion survey "Challenges of Complete Transition to Contract-Based Manning in the UAF", October 2009). In April 2009 these figures were 33,9% and 38,6% respectively. These results indicate a patent drop in contract servicemen's positive attitude towards their status as well as decreasing number of those willing to stay in the armed forces as contract servicemen.

#### **7. Combat Readiness: Combat Patrolling by Ukrainian Air Defence Units**

Combat patrolling of the Ukrainian air space by the Ukrainian Air Defence units from 31.12.09 till 01.01.10 went off in regular mode.

**Comment:** Over 2200 personnel and some 400 pieces of weapons and equipment were engaged in combat air defence patrolling from 31.12.09 till 01.01.10. The total length of Ukraine's state air boundary amounts to almost 7000km including 5600km of land frontier and 1400km of maritime boundary. Combat air defence patrolling is done by the aircraft SU-27 and MiG-29, long range anti-aircraft guns S-200V, medium- and short range anti-aircraft guns S-300P, S-300-V1 and Buk-M1.

#### **8. Peacekeeping: Training for Combat Control Group of the 56<sup>th</sup> Separate Helicopter Detachment**

On 8 January 2010 in the course of a regular rotation of two helicopters Mi-24 from the Ukrainian 56<sup>th</sup> separate helicopter detachment operating as part of UNMIL from Greenville airfield to the Ukrainian peacekeepers' base camp a combat control group conducted practical training on aiming from helicopters at ground targets.

**Comment:** The peacekeeping contingent of the 12<sup>th</sup> rotation was generated from a separate army aviation regiment of the 79<sup>th</sup> separate airmobile brigade of the UAF. The total personnel number amounts to 300 servicemen. The detachment has 8 Mi-8 helicopters and 6 Mi-24 helicopters. During their tour in Liberia the servicemen of the 12<sup>th</sup> rotation spent 240 hours in the African sky and transported 900 passengers as well as 37 tons of cargo.

The 56<sup>th</sup> separate helicopter detachment has been operating as part of UNMIL since January 2004. Among its main tasks are transportation of the Mission personnel and VIPs, transportation of cargo, medical transportation, casualties evacuation, air surveillance, air escort of troops movement.

#### **9. Armament and Military Equipment: Military Transport Aircraft An-70**

On 31 December 2009 a Defence Ministry Commission carried out a formal acceptance of a yet another stage of work to create a military transport aircraft An-70.

**Comment:** A testing example of the aircraft An-70 №01-02 has already performed 618 testing flights totalling 694 hours of flying time. An-70 belongs to a new generation of medium military transport short takeoff and landing aircraft. The first flight of an An-70 took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1994 in Kiev. The An-70 aircraft is designed for transportation of virtually the whole gamut of armament and equipment on the military inventory with the total weight of 35-47 tons over the distance of 3000-5100km as well as landing of paratroopers and equipment. Its maximum range is 8000km. In order to complete the abovementioned programme 200-250 million dollars need to be allocated jointly by the Russian and the Ukrainian sides. Subject to proper financing the first An-70 will be adopted by the UAF by the end of 2012.

The joint An-70 designing programme has been underway since the late 80<sup>th</sup> in accordance with Agreements between Russia and Ukraine on production and scientific-technical cooperation between enterprises in defence branches of industry in 1993 and 1999. Since 2000 Russia has been expressing doubts regarding the expediency of continuation of the said project. In May 2006 the Russian party officially declared its withdrawal from the project. The Protocol between Russia and Ukraine on Resumption of Work on Design and Production of An-70 was signed in August 2009 during MAX-2009. In October 2009 an additional agreement was signed stipulating payment of the first tranche of 150 million roubles to complete flying tests for An-70. According to information from MoD, some 500 million roubles have been put into Russia's budget since the beginning of 2010.

#### **10. Social and Professional Adaptation: Graduation from a NATO-PfP Training Course**

On 28 December 2009 a graduation ceremony was held for 61 retired Ukrainian servicemen who completed their retraining course at the National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" in the framework of the NATO-PfP programme.

**Comment:** The training course for reservists started on 15.09.2009 and was funded by NATO member states, namely Netherlands and Denmark, in the framework of the long-term NATO "Partnership for Peace" initiative. The general retraining course provides for three months of full-time tuition totalling 500 hours of studying 15 subjects. The students were trained in three specialities: "Business Management", "Goods and Services Marketing", "Computer Systems and Networks". The retired servicemen retraining project in Kharkiv was launched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2009. In 2009 124 retirees servicemen in this city took their retraining course. Retraining of one student costs approximately 5000-6000 hryvnias.

**Servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Operating Abroad  
as of 11.01.2010**

Country	Officers	NCOs	Sergeants, Privates	Total
<b>Peacekeeping Contingents</b>				
Kosovo (UKR POLBAT)	44	23	112	179
Kosovo (Special operational group)	4			4
Liberia (56 <sup>th</sup> separate helicopter detachment)	3			3
Liberia (56 <sup>th</sup> special helicopter detachment, the new rotation)	149	54	71	274
Escort of the ferry with equipment and materiel of the 56 <sup>th</sup> detachment	2	1		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Peacekeeping Personnel</b>				
Iraq	10			10
Democratic Republic of Congo	13			13
Kosovo (UN Mission)	1			1
Liberia	4			4
Moldova	10			10
Sudan	11			11
Afghanistan	10			10
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>			<b>59</b>
<b>Peacekeepers in toto</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>522</b>
<b>Officers at staff partnership elements, coordination centres and NATO multinational HQ</b>				
Officers of Ukraine's Missions to international organizations (UN, NATO) and SPE officers at NATO HQ	21			21
Coordination Coalition Centre at US Joint Command Centre	3			3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>			<b>24</b>
<b>Ukrainian servicemen taking training courses abroad longer than two months</b>				
UK	4			4
USA	33	1	5	39
France	3			3
Germany	10			10
Hungary	6			6
Italy	1			1
China	2			2
Korea	1			1
Canada	4			4
Turkey	3			3
Switzerland	2			2
India	1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Abroad in toto</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>622</b>