

Informational Analytical Review of Defence News**Kyiv**

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1.NATO-Ukraine: the Yearly National Programme for 2010

On 3 February 2010, the President of Ukraine, Viktor Yuschenko, signed Decree №2/2010 approving the Yearly National Programme for 2010 that provides for Ukraine's preparation for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Comment: This is the second Yearly Programme. According to a Decree by the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers, an assignment has been given to develop and have approved within two months a Yearly National Programme Implementation Plan. Also a draft of the Yearly National Programme for 2011 is to be duly submitted by the 1st of February 2011. In the sequel, drafts of yearly national programmes for the following year are to be submitted by the 1st of February of the planning year. Central executive agencies as well as other state departments responsible for accomplishment of tasks stipulated by the Yearly National Programme are to submit quarterly reports (within the first five days of the month following the reporting period) on the course of implementation of the Yearly National Programme Implementation Plan for subsequent reporting to the President of Ukraine.

The first yearly programme for 2009 was approved by Presidential Decree No600 of 07.08.2009.

2. Security Policy: the Russian Black Sea Fleet Temporarily Stationed in Ukraine's Territory

On 2 February 2010, the Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Petro Poroshenko, emphasised, "challenges engendered by the Russian Black Sea Fleet stationed in Sevastopol need to be tackled in a gradual and constructive fashion".

Comment: The Minister noted that the issue of the Russian Black Sea Fleet facilities sublease had been frozen and this causes certain problems in Russia-Ukraine relations. 70% of the whole Russian Black Sea Fleet infrastructure is located in the Crimea. The Fleet personnel are stationed at bases in Sevastopol (Sevastopolska Bay, Pivdenna Bay, Karantynna Bay, Kozacha Bay) and Feodosia.

In 1997 Russia and Ukraine signed a basic agreement stipulating conditions of the Black Sea Fleet base sublease in Sevastopol including the rental of \$98 million as well as the term of the Russian Black Sea Fleet withdrawal from Sevastopol, namely the 28th of May 2017.

In compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine the Russian Black Sea Fleet is to be withdrawn from Ukraine by 2017. Prolongation of this term will require amendments to the Ukrainian Constitution.

3. Personnel Policy: Dismissal of a Deputy Defence Minister

On 3 February 2010, the Cabinet of Ministers approved resignation of Deputy Defence Minister, Bogdan Butsa.

Comment: According to an unofficial version of the story, Bogdan Butsa rationalized his resignation by disagreement with the Government's policy, in particular, in terms of the defence order execution. In January 2008 Bogdan Butsa was appointed to the position of Deputy Defence Minister additionally established at the top tier of the Defence Ministry management. His responsibilities in this position included re-armament of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. In the early 90s B.Butsa was First Deputy Chief of the Regional agency of the State Property Fund in the city of Lviv. During 1998-1999 he held the post of Deputy Head of the Lviv State Regional Administration on Industry and Construction. In 2005-2006 he was a Cabinet minister in Yurii Yekhanurov's Government. From 26 September 2006 till 6 August 2007 B.Butsa was an Advisor to President Viktor Yuschenko.

4. Defence Planning: a New Statute of Defence Planning in the Ukrainian Armed Forces

The Defence Minister's Decree No15 of 19.01.10 approved the Statute of Organization and Execution of Middle-term and Short-term Defence Planning in the Defence Ministry and the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Comment: At the DSPC's request, amendments to the Statute of Organization and Execution of Middle-term and Short-term Defence Planning in the Defence Ministry and the Ukrainian Armed Forces were commented upon by Chief of Short-term Planning Section, Main Defence Planning Directorate of the General Staff, Colonel O.M. Ostapets. Oleg Mykolaiovych noted that the Statute had been issued in order to increase efficiency of the MoD and GS organic units as well as other C2 elements in terms of organization, execution, coordination and control of middle-term, short-term and budget planning.

According to Colonel Ostapets, "in the new revised version of the Statute, short term planning process is adjusted to requirements of the current legal and normative acts including the Cabinet's Resolution №447 of 05.04.06 "On Approval of Organization and Financing Procedures for Strategic Planning in the Defence and Military Development Areas". The revised Statute also specifies development dates and forms of some middle-term, short-term and budget planning documents as well as officials responsible for execution of target programmes. In addition it identifies key middle-term, short-term and budget planning documents."

For a comparison table of the amendments to the Statute of Organization and Execution of Middle-term and Short-term Defence Planning in the Defence Ministry and the Ukrainian Armed see Annex to IAR DN 05/2010.

5. Combat Training: Inspection of a Marine Battalion

On 2 February 2010, the Commander of the Ukrainian Navy, Admiral Ihor Teniukh inspected state of combat training and organization of training in a separate marine battalion stationed in Feodosia.

Comment: As of today, the Ukrainian Marine Corps consists of one battalion of a Naval separate coastal defence brigade. The battalion is assigned to the Joint Rapid Reaction Forces. The Ukrainian Marines are the fewest in number among analogous units of all the Black Sea states. The Russian Black Sea Fleet in the Crimea alone has a marine brigade of some 3000 personnel as a result of recent reorganization.

6. Peacekeeping: Redeployment of Equipment of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment

On 28 January 2010, in Liberia, the sea ferry "DIANA G" moored for unloading in the central sea port of Monrovia. The ferry carried military equipment and materiel of the 56th Ukrainian separate helicopter detachment operating as part of the UNMIL in this West African country.

Comment: 33 pieces of equipment arrived in Liberia along with materiel of the medical, automotive and catering services. On 29 January 2010, 38 pieces of equipment were sent back to Ukraine from Liberia. Those were equipment pieces whose service life was over or that had been written off due to rationalization of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent organizational structure.

7. International Cooperation: Ukraine Presiding over the Multinational Project "Tisa"

On 03 February 2010, in the city of Bratislava, a transfer of authority ceremony was held where Ukraine took over presidency over the multinational project "Tisa" from the Slovak party.

Comment: The main tasks of the multinational engineer unit "Tisa" are evacuation of population and equipment from disaster relief areas; guarding, escort and unloading of humanitarian assistance, participation in reconstruction of roads and hydrotechnical facilities; clearing of debris and obstructions; equipment and construction of temporary bridges and drainage systems; regulation of riverbeds; temporary power supply to facilities; purification of potable water. The unit's capabilities enable it to perform the following tasks simultaneously: evacuate 400 people and 60 tons of cargo; guard 6 sites; manage 4 convoys with humanitarian cargo; clear obstructions and debris on roads at the speed of up to 6kph; reinforce hydrotechnical facilities and provide electric power supply to 4 sites; build 50 metres of wooden bridges per day and provide population of the disaster area with up to 100 m³ of potable water per day. The Ukrainian contribution to the multinational engineer battalion "Tisa" includes an engineer company, a road construction company, a signal platoon, a maintenance platoon, and a logistic platoon, all generated from a mechanized brigade of the 13th Army Corps, the UAF. The Romanian party contributes two companies; the Slovak and Hungarian parties assign one company each.

8. International Cooperation: a Visit to Military Engineer Educational Institutions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces

On 4 February 2010, representatives of the UK and USA Defence Attaché Offices visited the military training department of Kamianets-Podilsk National University named after I.Ogienko and the EOD Centre of the UAF.

Comment: The chief aim of the visit is familiarization with training facilities and identification of potential areas of cooperation between engineer troops of Ukraine, the UK and the USA in 2010-2011. The EOD Centre was established as part of the Military Engineer Institute in June 2001. The Centre is designed to collect, analyse and disseminate information regarding mines and related issues; train Level I and II mine clearing specialists; train sappers and reconnaissance sappers of peacekeeping units as part of their pre-deployment preparation for a rotation; train verification specialists and crews for K-9 mine hunting. The military training department of Podil State Agrarian Technical University trains specialists for the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Emergencies, the State Border Service, the Security Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Interior and special antiterrorist units. Over the past few years the department has trained almost 2500 specialists for peacekeeping missions as well as 120 experts for special units of the Ministry of Interior and the Security Service.

9. Conversion: Ammunition Disposal Contracts

The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 136 of 13.01.10 thereby prolonging ammunition disposal contracts with four Ukrainian chemical plants till March 2010.

Comment: The contracts were prolonged as part of the advance made in connection with adverse weather conditions in December 2009 in Donetsk, Lugansk and Sumy regions. In July 2009, the Cabinet of Ministers entrusted the Defence Ministry to hand non-serviceable and surplus ammunition subject to disposal over to TASKO Corporation. The total amount of ammunition being handed over to TASKO Corporation is 150 000 tons.

TASKO Corporation was established by enterprises of the military-industrial complex of Ukraine and unites some 25 enterprises, design bureaus and institutes that develop and manufacture explosives, powders, ammunition, artillery weapons and small arms as well as electronic and optical control devices for these weapons. In addition the Corporation is engaged in ammunition disposal and manufacturing of civilian and special purpose products from disposal products.

10. Social Security: Housing for Servicemen

The Cabinet's Decree No72 of 27.01.10 authorized the Defence Ministry to allocate funds in the first quarter of this year for construction (purchase) of housing for Ukrainian servicemen within the bounds of actual amounts allotted for this purpose to the Special Fund of the State Budget.

Comment: The Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2009" provides for 755,7 million UAH to be allocated (only to the Special Fund) for construction (purchase) of housing for Ukrainian servicemen.

COMPARISON TABLE
**amendments to the Statute of Organization and Execution of Middle-term and Short-term Defence Planning
in the Defence Ministry and the Ukrainian Armed Forces**

Defence Minister's Decree № 35 of 02.02.2007	Defence Minister's Decree № 15 of 19.01.2010
<p>short term planning process is adjusted to requirements of the current legal and normative acts including the Cabinet's Resolution No447 of 05.04.06 "On Approval of Organization and Financing Procedures for Strategic Planning in the Defence and Military Development Areas".</p>	
<p>The draft of Sustainment and Development Plan is worked out by the end of May; this draft is subsequently taken into account during preparation of the budget request; within a month after the approval of the MoD's cost estimate the draft of Sustainment and Development Plan is signed by the Chief of the General Staff – Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and submitted to the Defence Minister for approval.</p>	<p>Tentative Plan of the UAF Sustainment and Development is developed by the 1st of June and serves as a basis for a budget request; development of the UAF Sustainment and Development Plan is commenced on the basis of the draft Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget" approved by the Cabinet of Ministers; within two weeks after the approval of the MoD's consolidated cost estimate, those responsible for forming and execution of target programmes (areas), where allocations were changed, submit to the Main Defence Planning Directorate proposals to the draft of Sustainment and Development Plan; within a month after the approval of the MoD's consolidated cost estimate, and taking into account draft descriptions of budget programmes, the Sustainment and Development Plan is submitted to the Defence Minister for approval; prior to submission, the Plan is to be finalized in terms of all adjustments and coordinated with those responsible for forming and execution of target programmes (areas) where allocations have been changed by the Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine".</p>

Defence Minister's Decree № 35 of 02.02.2007	Defence Minister's Decree № 15 of 19.01.2010
document development terms for middle-term, short-term and budget planning have been adjusted :	
<p>1) draft Plan of the UAF Sustainment and Development is developed by the end of May;</p> <p>2) the Defence Minister's Directive on identification of the main middle-term defence planning showings is prepared biannually by the November of the odd year;</p> <p>3) terms not identified;</p> <p>4) development not identified</p>	<p>1) the draft Tentative Plan of the UAF Sustainment and Development is developed by the 1st of June;</p> <p>2) the Defence Minister's Directive on identification of main middle-term defence planning showings is adjusted annually by the 1st of November with further prolongation of the term by one year;</p> <p>3) the Plan of Organizational Activities in the Armed Forces is developed and approved annually by the 1st of December;</p> <p>4) the Defence Minister's Directive on organization of drafting of cost estimates is developed by the 15th of October on the basis of the approved by the Cabinet draft Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget" for the following year.</p>
executing agencies responsible for implementation of target programmes have been specified	
implementation of the target programme " Armament and Military Equipment " is responsibility of the Department of Armament and Military Equipment Development and Procurement, MoD	implementation of the target programme " Armament and Military Equipment " is responsibility of the Directorate for Identification of Requirements and Organization of Sustainment, GS
identification of main documents	
no such section	see Section 1.6 of the Statute