

### 1. Security Policy: Appointment of the Vice-Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement

On 11 March 2010, the Supreme Council approved the new composition of the Cabinet of Ministers. Volodymyr Sivkovych was appointed Vice-Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement.

**Comment:** Responsibilities of the Vice-Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement include coordination of activities of law enforcement agencies whenever individual ministries do not have sufficient authority to ensure accomplishment of tasks. This post did not exist in the previous government. In 2007, when the Government was headed by Victor Yanukovych, this position was occupied V.Radchenko and O.Kuzmuk.

It should be noted, at the same time, that a number of experts are of the mind that these functions at the national level should be entrusted to the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine.

Volodymyr Leonidovych Sivkovych was born in 1960. From 1977 to 1982 he studied at the Kiev Higher Military Engineer Communications College. He also graduated from the Kiev National Economic University in 2000, and from the Kiev Law University in 2005. During 1982-1983 he served in the Caucuses as an active duty officer. From 1983 to 1992 he worked in the USSR State Security Committee (the KGB). During 1992-1998 he engaged in business. From July to November 1998 – Assistant to the President of Ukraine. During 1998-1999 – Advisor to the Ukrainian Prime-Minister on a voluntary basis (without remuneration). Since 2002 – a Ukrainian People's Deputy. Head of the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Defence Industrial Complex and Military Technical Cooperation of the Supreme Council Committee on National Security and Defence.

### 2. Military Policy: Appointment of the Ukrainian Defence Minister

On 11 March 2010, the Supreme Council of Ukraine approved the new composition of the Cabinet of Ministers. Mykhailo Yezhel was appointed Minister of Defence.

**Comment:** On the same day, the President of Ukraine – the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Viktor Yanukovych, introduced the newly appointed head of the defence agency to top officials of the Defence Ministry and the General Staff.

Admiral (retired) Mykhailo Bronislavovych Yezhel was born in 1952. In 1975 he graduated from the Nakhimov Black Sea Higher Naval College. In 1987 he graduated from the Grechko Naval Academy (the Command Department). During 1987-1990 served as Chief of Staff of an Antisubmarine Brigade in the Pacific Fleet. In 1996 he graduated from the Ukrainian Armed Forces Academy (Operational-Strategic Department). From 1996 to 2001 – Deputy Defence Minister – Commander of the Ukrainian Navy. From June till December 2007 – Advisor to the Ukrainian Prime-Minister. From February 2008 till March 2010 – Chief Inspector of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry.

### 3. Development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: A Working Visit of the Chief of the General Staff to the Air Force Command

From 9 till 11 March 2010, a working group composed of generals and officers and headed by the Chief of the General Staff – the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, General of the Army Ivan Svyda, visited the Vinnitsa Garrison.

**Comment:** The chief aim of this working visit was to ascertain the actual state of affairs and priorities of the Air Force development. In the course of the visit, General of the Army Ivan Svyda familiarized himself with the organizational structure, the mission, main tasks and stationing of the Air Force Command Post. He also attended an exercise for the Air Defence units on duty. The exercise provided for scrambling of fighters as well as employment of assault and military transport aircraft. Five fixed-wing and one rotary-wing aircrafts were employed during the exercise, all told. As of today, priority tasks of the Air Force are training of national air defence forces on duty and maintenance of their high readiness; upkeep and maintenance of weapons and equipment so as to ensure their combat efficiency; modernization of weapons and equipment at domestic defence industrial enterprises; training of airmen and taking appropriate measures to keep them in the Armed Forces. According to the Chief of the General Staff, training of one first-class pilot takes almost 10 years and requires over 70 million UAH.

### 4. Personnel Training: Practical Training of Cadets

Cadets of higher military educational establishments – future officers – commenced their practical training course on various organic positions in the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

**Comment:** Approximately 200 cadets – graduates of the Sagaidachnyi Land Forces Academy commences their military training course in units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. During the next four weeks, future officers will be taking their practical training in the positions of platoon leaders, chiefs of services, chiefs of PT and sport in military units, correspondents of military mass media.

26 cadets in their last year at the Kharkiv National Technical University (Military Training Department) commenced their military training course in various units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Out of these 26 trainees, 13 are future specialists in NBC defence and environmental security of forces; the rest are future tank engineers. The NBC cadets will take their training in the positions of NBC (reconnaissance) platoon leader, support and disaster relief platoon leader, engineer of repair, maintenance and testing, chief of environmental security service, smoke vehicles platoon leader. For detailed information on the network of higher education establishments of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry see Annex to IAR DN 10/2010.

### 5. Combat Training: New Forms

On 9 March 2010, a training course for officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanized Battalion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Separate Guard Mechanized Brigade (8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps) was completed. The topic of the course was preparation for combat actions decision-making according to NATO standards.

**Comment:** Issues covered by the course included optimization of training for command and control elements of Army units assigned to the Planning and Review Process. The training course was directed by the representative of the US Company "CUBIC Applications" in Ukraine Colonel (retired) Dolf Carlson.

#### **6. Peacekeeping: Funds for Repair of Helicopters**

The Government of Ukraine decreed that 48,94 million UAH be allocated to the Defence Ministry in the first quarter to repair military helicopters for the 56<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Separate Helicopter Detachment operating as part of the UNMIL in Liberia.

**Comment:** According to the Decree, the funds are allocated on the account of the remainder of undistributed funds of the Stabilization Fund. 43,21 million UAH are allocated for repayment of credits on repair of equipment in the framework of the key figures of the government order in 2009; 5,72 million UAH are allotted for transportation of equipment to the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent's base in Liberia. According to the Decree, the Defence Ministry is authorized to conclude contracts in 2010 for transportation of equipment to the Ukrainian contingent base with full prepayment.

#### **7. Multinational Exercises: Russia-Ukraine Command-Post Exercise**

On 11 March 2010, a conference was held in Sevastopol in preparation for the Russia-Ukraine command-post computer-assisted exercise "Peace Fairway 2010".

**Comment:** The conference was attended by representatives from the Ukrainian Navy Command and the Russian Black Sea Fleet. The topic of the command-post computer-assisted exercise "Peace Fairway 2010" scheduled for June this year in Sevastopol is a search-and-rescue operation. The Russia-Ukraine exercise series "Peace Fairway" was launched 1997. This peacekeeping exercise was conducted biannually. Ships, auxiliary vessels, fixed-wing and rotary wing aircrafts of naval aviation as well as marine units were employed in this exercise. There have been no such bilateral exercises with the Ukrainian and Russian Fleets since 2003. This year's exercise "Peace Fairway 2010" will be conducted using the facilities of the Nakhimov Naval Academy.

#### **8. Development of Weapons and Equipment: Creation of the Aircraft An-70**

The Cabinet of Ministers decreed that 333,7 million UAH be envisaged by the Draft Budget 2010 for implementation of the An-70 Development Programme.

**Comment:** The Government decreed that the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economics, on the submission from the Ministry of Industrial Policy and Ministry of Defence, should incorporate 333,7 million UAH into the Draft Budget 2010 for implementation of the national programme for creation of the military transport aircraft An-70 and its procurement by government defence order. The Cabinet's Decree No321-r of 01.03.2010 allocates 152 million UAH for preparation and launch of the aircraft batch production; 61,7 million UAH for further design research and development; 120 million UAH for production of the aircraft. An-70 belongs to a new generation of medium military transport short take-off and landing aircraft. An-70 enables transportation of virtually all items on the Army inventory weighing up to 35-47 tons over the distance of 3000-5100km at the cruising speed of 700-750kph; air landing of personnel and equipment, in particular, one-piece cargoes weighing up to 21 tons from high and low altitudes; delivery of 300 servicemen with personal weapons and evacuation of 206 casualties and sick personnel. The maximum range is 8000km.

#### **9. Development of Weapons and Equipment: Small Arms for the Ukrainian Armed Forces**

On 10 March 2010, the Chief of the General Staff – Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, General of the Army Ivan Svyda, visited the Ministry of Interior state-owned scientific production association "Fort".

**Comment:** General of the Army Ivan Svyda familiarized himself with the full manufacturing cycle of domestic small arms of the "Fort" brand and tested personally a few models, in particular the pistol "Fort-14". Ivan Svyda noted that the Ukrainian Armed Forces were interested in adopting products of "Fort" association, especially for special task units and military law and order service.

The association "Fort" specializes predominantly in production of firearms and various special equipment for personnel of law enforcement agencies and other security and defence structures.

"Fort-14TP" is an individual semiautomatic hand pistol designed to engage the enemy at the distance of up to 50m. The percussion trigger is of the double action type (SA/DA). The peculiarity of this model is a locked easy-to-remove barrel. It has a free slide and a reliable safety locks system. Manual safety locks the hammer either in cocked or in lowered position. Depending on the customer's preferences, the sight marks can be either light-reflecting or light-emitting. The pistol can be additionally equipped with a special holster and cases for spare magazines and devices.

#### **10. The Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Society: Presentation of the Defense and Security Policy Center**

On 11 March 2010, a presentation was held in the Central Officers Club in Kiev. The topic of the presentation was "The Defense and Security Policy Center: Two Years of Facilitating the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Summary and Results."

**Comment:** The attendees discussed ways of improvement of the DSPC activity and further participation of the Defence Ministry and General Staff top officials in cooperation with public organizations. In the course of the presentation the participants were familiarized with key results and achievements of the two-year activity of the DSPC in support of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

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