

1. Legislation: Financing of Peacekeeping Contingents

The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed the decree "On Amendments to Article 9 of the Law of Ukraine "On Ukraine's Participation in Multinational Peacekeeping Operations".

Comment: *The Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Article 9 of the Law of Ukraine "On Ukraine's Participation in Multinational Peacekeeping Operations" was passed by the Supreme Council of Ukraine on 4 March 2010. According to this act, sources of financial support to peacekeeping contingents will be identified for each individual case as the Supreme Council approves the President's decision on Ukraine's participation in a peacekeeping operation. Sources of financial support to peacekeeping personnel will be identified in compliance with procedures established by the legislation. Financing procedures for a peacekeeping contingents and peacekeeping personnel will be established by the Cabinet of Ministers.*

2. Military Policy: Financing of the Ukrainian Armed Forces

30.03.10 In the course of a briefing at the Cabinet of Ministers, the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, informed that the defence agency was counting on the defence budget of 13 billion UAH in 2010.

Comment: *Defence Ministry experts submitted the proposition to approve this year's budget for the defence agency that amounted to 19 billion UAH and substantiated this figure. As of today, based on the sentiments prevailing among the Ukrainian Government, the defence agency is counting on the defence budget of 13 billion UAH. According to Deputy Chief of Directorate for Defence and Mobilization (part of the Cabinet's Secretariat), Ivan Alarshyn, "the Defence Ministry is operating with deliberately overestimated figures". The official referred to the fact that each month the Defence Ministry had a surplus of 120-150 million UAH that hadn't been spent. However he never mentioned that due to the lack of the State Budget the Ukrainian Armed Forces cannot develop combat training plans for the troops, conduct activities to develop weapons, equipment, and infrastructure. Nor can they purchase the required amount of fuel and lubricants.*

At the same time, as of the end of the first quarter of 2010, the arrears with payment for development of new weapons and equipment models as well as municipal services amount to approximately 700 million UAH. See Annex to IAR DN № 13/2010 for comparison of distribution of MoD allocations depending on the amount of financing.

3. Personnel Policy: Appointment of Deputies to the Defence Minister

31.03.10 The Ukrainian Vice-Premier, Volodymyr Sivkovych, introduced newly appointed deputies to the Defence Minister to the top officials of the Defence Ministry and the General Staff.

Comment: *By the Government's decision, Grygorii Mykolaiovych Pedchenko (Lieutenant-General (retired), the last position in the UAF – Commander of the Southern Operational Command (2003-2005)) was appointed First Deputy Defence Minister. The new Deputies to the Defence Minister are: Borys Pavlovych Andresuk (during 2002-2006 – a People's Deputy, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council Committee for National Security and Defence; until recently – Chairman of the Public Council at the Defence Ministry); Mykhailo Mykolaiovych Kutsyn (Lieutenant-General (retired), Commander of the Western Operational Command (2005-2010)), Ihor Mykolaiovych Kushnir (no previous public service positions); Mykhailo Vasyliovych Maliarchuk (Lieutenant-General (retired), Chief of UAF Communications – Chief of the Main Directorate of Communications and Information Systems of the General Staff (2006-2010); Volodymyr Prokopovych Omelianchuk (previous position – Director of Department of Economic Activity of the Defence Ministry)*

4. Peacekeeping: Training of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment in Liberia

29.03.10 Servicemen of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment operating as part of the UN Mission in Liberia conducted exercises in aiming Mi-24 helicopters at ground targets during air escort of convoys.

Comment: *The training was conducted in the vicinity of the Liberian town of Buchanan. In the course of the exercise, officers of the combat control group aimed Mi-24 crews at various ground targets from different lines of advance and manoeuvres over 20 times using, in the integrated fashion, weapons systems of the helicopters. The previous exercises included aiming sorties and marches to the vicinity of Tubmanburg, Banga-Kari, Greenville and Buchanan. During their tour in the African continent, helicopter pilots of the 12th rotation of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment spent almost 1 200 hours in the sky, transported approximately 5 000 passengers and 140 tons of cargo.*

5. Multinational Exercises: Preparation for "Rapid Trident 2010"

29.03.10 The Main Planning Conference of the Ukraine-US CPX "Rapid Trident 2010" began in Lviv.

Comment: *In the course of the conference, participants will finalize planning of the exercise activities and events; decide upon financial and economic aspects of the future joint manoeuvres as well as foundations for interaction and coordination between participating countries. Foreign military representatives focused on readiness of training equipment and facilities that will be used during "Rapid Trident 2010", in particular, participation of Ukrainian military medics in the manoeuvres.*

Earlier, on 24 March 2010, the Reconnaissance Conference took place in the Lviv region during which participants reconnoitred the area where the Ukraine-US CPX "Rapid Trident 2010" will be conducted. (IAO BH 12/2010).

6. Multinational Exercises: Preparation for "Golden Mask 2010"

31.03.10 An inspection of a Separate NBC Battalion (8th Army Corps) stationed in Novograd-Volynskiy (Zhytomyr Region) began.

Comment: *The purpose of the inspection is to verify readiness of the composite NBC unit that will be engaged in the multinational exercise "Golden Mask 2010" in Germany.*

On 12-13 April, the Ukrainian composite unit will march under own power to the Ukrainian-Polish border where the

equipment will be loaded into special low-decked trailers. According to plans, upon arrival in the exercise area (Bergen, Germany), the Ukrainian composite NBC unit will be integrated into the 7th Separate NBC Battalion of the Bundeswehr. The active phase of the exercise is scheduled for the period from the 19th till the 22th of April. Actions exercised during this phase will include special treatment of equipment, terrain and low buildings; NBC control; medical assistance and casualty evacuation.

The Ukrainian units passed Level I Self-Evaluation in the course of the multinational exercise "Rapid Trident 2008". In 2009, during the exercise "Evaluation 2009", the unit passed Level I Evaluation by NATO experts.

7. International Cooperation: Preparation for "Northern Falcon 2010"

30.03.10 A briefing attended by the Air Force Commander, Colonel-General Ivan Rusnak, was conducted in Vinnitsa. The topic of the briefing was Ukrainian-Danish operation "Northern Falcon 2010" to transfer fuel to Greenland.

Comment: According to plans, some 30 representatives of the Ukrainian Air Force will be involved in the operation "Northern Falcon 2010". Two Il-79MD crews will share 100 hours of flying time. Each crew will spend its 50 hours of flying time beyond the Arctic Circle in the temperature of -40-50°C.

Last February, the Defence Ministers of Ukraine and Denmark signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the conduct of the joint military transport fuel transfer operation "Northern Falcon 2010".

The joint Ukrainian-Danish operation "Northern Falcon 2010" is scheduled for April. In the framework of the exercise an Air Force transport helicopter Il-76MD will transfer up to 500 000 litres of fuel and other cargo from the US Air Base "Thule" to the Danish polar station "North" in Greenland.

8. International Cooperation: Air Defence Command-Post Exercise

The Ukrainian Defence Ministry plans to conduct air defence exercises with Belarus and Russia in April and October 2010. This information was given by the Air Force Commander, Colonel-General Ivan Rusnak, at an enlarged session of the Air Force Military Council in Vinnitsa.

Comment: One of the main international cooperation activities is a command-post exercise with C2 elements and air defence forces on duty of the Ukrainian Air Force together with the Air Force and Air Defence Force of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation. During the exercise aviation will cross the state border. The exercise with Belarus is scheduled for April and the one with Russia for October 2010. At the same time the fate of these events will depend on a decision of the Supreme Council that has not yet passed the law on admission on foreign troops in the Ukrainian territory for participation in multinational exercises.

9. International Cooperation: Enhancement of Relations between Ukraine and Vietnam

30.03.10. A Vietnamese delegation headed by Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the People's Army of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Lieutenant-General Fam Suan Hung, arrived in Ukraine on a three-day visit.

Comment: In the course of bilateral negotiations the parties discussed development of bilateral military cooperation and exchanged experience in reformation and development of their respective armed forces. The Ukrainian delegation at the negotiations was headed by Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General V.M.Artukh.

Members of the Vietnamese delegation were briefed on such issues as implementation of the State Programme of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Development in 2006-2011; education and training of military cadres in the UAF; reformation and development of the education and training system. During 2001-2006, 27 Vietnamese officers took their training at Ukrainian Higher Military Education Establishments. The Vietnamese delegation visited the National Defence University of Ukraine, the Simulation Centre and the Joint Staff Officers Course operating at the University and using its facilities, Military Institute of the Kiev National University named after Taras Shevchenko and the Zhytomyr Military Institute named after S.P.Koroliov (part of the National Aviation University).

10. Verification Activities: Inspection

26.03.10. Two-day work of a foreign inspection team in a Separate Guard Mechanized Brigade (8th Army Corps, Zhytomyr region) was finished. The inspection was conducted under the Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

Comment: The verification team headed by the US Army Lieutenant-Colonel Woodward Jameson was composed of inspectors from the USA, Turkey, Norway and the Czech Republic. The aim of the inspection was to verify how Ukraine abided by the established limitations on the amount of weapons and military equipment covered by the Treaty on the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

Visits of 22 verification teams are scheduled for 2010.

The Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe was signed on the 19th of November 1990. The Treaty, originally signed by the former Soviet Union, was ratified by the Ukrainian Supreme Council on the 1st of July 1992. The main areas of the Treaty adaptation is evolution of limitations on weapons and military equipment, revision of the Treaty application in today environment, regulation of stationing of foreign troops, improvement of the control and information exchange system. On the 21 of September 2000 the Supreme Council of Ukraine ratified the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

**Distribution of Allocations for the Ukrainian Armed Forces in 2010
depending on the amount of financing from the State Budget of Ukraine**

№	State of Financing	Amount of financing		Sustainment of the UAF		Training of the UAF		Development of weapons, equipment and infrastructure	
		Billion UAH	%	Billion UAH	%	Billion UAH	%	Billion UAH	%
1	Will ensure fulfilment of development programmes	30,988	100	17,600	56,8	4,331	14,0	9,057	29,2
2	Will meet the required minimum	19,853	100	13,161	66,3	3,035	15,3	3,657	18,4
3	Anticipated from the State Budget in 2010 (the draft State budget for 2010 as of 02.04.10)	13,036 <i>(General Fund – 8,3; Special Fund – 4,7)</i>	100	9,112	70,0	1,586	12,1	2,338	17,9
4	Actually financed in 2009	8,340	100	7,006	84,0	0,732	8,8	0,602	7,2