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### 1. Security Policy: Russian Black Sea Fleet 2042

27.04.10 The Supreme Council of Ukraine ratified the Agreement on the prolongation of the term of the Russian Black Sea Fleet's stationing in Ukraine till 2042.

**Comment:** 29.04.10 The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed the act on ratification of the Agreement on the prolongation of the term of the Russian Black Sea Fleet's stationing in Ukraine. The agreement between Ukraine and the Russian Federation on the Russian Black Sea Fleet's stationing in Ukraine was signed by the Presidents of the two countries on 21 April 2010 in Kharkiv.

*It must be noted that the terms and conditions of the Russian Fleet's stationing must be further agreed upon by the two states, including stationing arrangements and procedures and use of navigation and hydrographic facilities. Under the Agreement on the Russian Black Sea Fleet's stationing in Ukraine signed in May 1997 an additional agreement on navigation and hydrography support facilities was to have been drawn up within a month. However, no such agreement has been worked out to date.*

### 2. Military Policy: Military Budget 2010

29.04.10 The President of Ukraine, V.Yanukovich, signed Act №2154-VI "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2010" which provides for allocation of \$1,7 billion for defence which constitutes 1,2% of the GDP.

**Comment:** Ukraine's Budget for 2010 provides for allocation of 13,471 billion UAH to the Armed Forces. The Defence Ministry has got 8,807 billion UAH for the General Fund and 4,664 billion UAH for the Special Fund. It must be noted that not a single Government to date has ever contrived to fill the Defence Ministry's Special Fund 100% which means there is no guaranteed allocations for all needs of the Armed Forces. See Annex to IAR DN 17/2010 for detailed information on the total amount of the MoD allocations for 2010.

*In addition, a regular meeting of the National Security and Defence Council presided over by the President of Ukraine, V.F.Yanukovich, was held on 26 April 2010. One of the bullet points discussed at the meeting was "First Priority Measures to Ensure Proper Activity of the UAF, Prevent Reduction of their Combat Readiness and Effectiveness". In the course of the meeting, the President of Ukraine entrusted the Cabinet of Ministers with the task to provide, subject to results of economic activity in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, for allocation of additional 1 billion UAH to the Armed Forces.*

### 3. Ukraine-NATO: NATO Representatives Visiting Ukraine

26.04.10 A delegation headed by Chief of the Military Cooperation Directorate – Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Command Operations, Major General Frantisek Maleninsky, arrived in Ukraine on a working visit. On 27 April 2010, a delegation of PARP (Planning and Review Process) experts headed by Chief of Force Planning Directorate, Defence Policy and Planning Department, NATO International Secretariat, Mr. Frank Boland, arrived in Ukraine.

**Comment:** the chief aim of the former delegation's visit is to draft, together with Ukrainian MoD and GS representatives, the updated Partnership Goals 2010.

*In the course of the latter delegation's visit, the parties discussed fulfilment of the Implementation Programme of Ukraine-NATO Military Committee Working Plan for 2010-2011 as well as the UAF's participation in the Planning and Review Process and other activities in the framework of the Operational Capabilities Concept.*

### 4. Personnel Policy: Appointment of Commander of the Western Operational Command

26.04.10 In Lviv, Commander of the Ukrainian Army, Colonel-General G.Vorobiov, introduced the newly appointed Commander, Major-General Yu.Dumanskyi, to the Western Operational Command staff.

**Comment:** Major-General Yurii Anatoliiovych Dumanskyi was born in 1965. His military education includes the Tashkent Higher Combined Arms College (graduated in 1986), the Ukrainian Armed Forces Academy (graduated in 1998) and the National Defence Academy of Ukraine (graduated in 2005). During 1986-1995, he served as an active duty officer on the positions of platoon leader, commander of a training motorized infantry company, chief of staff of a motorized battalion, commander of a training motorized battalion. From 1999 till 2005 he served as commander of a training tank regiment and deputy chief of the 169<sup>th</sup> district training centre for junior specialists (tank troops) in the Northern Operational Command, then as first deputy chief of staff, Southern Operational Command. From 2005 till 2010 – Deputy Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Deputy Commander Deputy Commander of the Ukrainian Army on Combat Training – Chief of the Combat Training Directorate, Army Command.

### 5. Combat Training: Command-Post Exercise with the Ukrainian Air Force Command and Control Structures

28.04.10 A Command-Post Exercise with the Ukrainian Air Force Command and Control structures started in Vinnitsa.

**Comment:** the aim of the exercise is for generals and officers to broaden theoretical knowledge and improve practical skills required to plan employment of troops subordinated to the Air Force Command, Air Commands and HQs of direct subordination units. The exercise subject has to do with emergency planning of Air Force employment as part of a Task Force.

*Due to limited financing of UAF training activities, command-post exercises are one of the few training methods which make it possible to maintain cohesion of Command and Control elements as well as individual training standards of generals and officers.*

### 6. Development of the UAF: Defence Ministry Retail Enterprise

28.04.10. The Vice Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement, Volodymyr Sivkovich, put in upon the Defence Ministry to consider the expediency of further functioning of the Military Retail Concern and enterprises.

**Comment:** The military retail concern "Viiskstorgservis" has been a legal successor to the Retail Department of the MoD Logistics since October 2006. The concern comprises 24 subsidiaries and 8 state-run MoD enterprises. The total number of staff members is some 4000. The purpose of the concern is to supply the UAF and other military formations

with merchandize (goods and services) not provided for by the centralized supply scheme, provide for everyday necessities of life, as well as community services and recreation for servicemen and their families.

The Defence Ministry in cooperation with the State Property Fund must make an inventory of real assets on the concern's central asset register; identify their number, the actual financial and economic conditions and the total acreage of the MoD lands.

#### **7. Peacekeeping: Certification of the 56<sup>th</sup> Separate Helicopter Detachment of the UAF**

26.04.10 Certification of the 13<sup>th</sup> rotation of the 56<sup>th</sup> Separate Helicopter Detachment to be deployed to Liberia as a peacekeeping contingent started at the 3rd separate army aviation regiment of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps in the Lviv region.

**Comment:** The airlift of the 56<sup>th</sup> detachment personnel to the African continent is to be started on 2 June and finished on 15 June 2010. The personnel is to be transported by two flights of a UNMIL passenger aircraft Boeing 757-230 from the airport "Lviv" (Ukraine) to the airport "Robertsfield" (Liberia).

In order to conduct the pre-deployment inspection of the outgoing contingent, a composite commission consisting of generals and officers from the Main Inspection of the Defence Ministry, the General Staff, the Joint Operational Command, the Army Command and the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, arrived in Brody. Results of the certification will determine the level of the detachment's operational suitability. They will also be used to work out propositions to the Order establishing the final composition of the 13<sup>th</sup> rotation of the 56<sup>th</sup> separate helicopter detachment operating as part of the UNMIL.

#### **8. Multinational Exercises: Completion of the "Blackseafor" Activation**

29.04.10. The Navy ship "Slavutych" returned to Sevastopol, having taken part in the Blackseafor activation.

**Comment:** the final naval stage started with an antimine operation when ships of the multinational formation Blackseafor exercised leading after minesweepers (three Bulgarian Navy ships involved) and manoeuvring in order to avoid mines and destroy simulated mines.

In the course of the activation, the ship "Slavutych", as part of the Blackseafor, called at the ports of Eregli (Turkey), Varna (Bulgaria) and Constanta (Romania).

#### **9. International Cooperation: the Defence Minister's Meeting with Ambassadors of European Countries**

27.04.10. A meeting between the Defence Minister, M.Yezhel, and the French Ambassador Jacques Faure took place in Kiev. On 28 April, the Defence Minister held another meeting with the UK Ambassador to Ukraine Leigh Turner.

**Comment:** In the course of the meeting with the French Ambassador, Jacques Faure, the parties discussed development of military-technical cooperation, in particular, in such areas as the Multinational Helicopter Initiative and building of a corvette for the Ukrainian Navy.

At the meeting with the UK Ambassador to Ukraine, Leigh Turner, the parties discussed possible areas for development of the bilateral military-technical cooperation, in particular, in the naval and aviation domain, as well as prospects of multinational exercises in Ukraine.

#### **10. Development of Weapons and Equipment: Building a Corvette**

29.04.10 The Black Sea Shipyard started building the first out of the four corvettes for the Defence Ministry.

**Comment:** In December 2009, the Defence Ministry and the Black Sea Shipyard made arrangements for the BSS to build four corvettes by 2018. The first ship is to be built by the BSS by the end of 2012, the second one – by the end of 2014, the third – by the end of 2016 and the fourth – by the end of 2017. The Defence Ministry intends to build 10 corvettes by 2026. Some 30 Ukrainian enterprises are supposed to take part in the building process. Most of the weapons will be purchased from the French companies DCNS, MBDA, and Eurotorp.

According to the MoD estimates, the anticipated price of the first ship will be around €250 million. The batch-produced ship will cost approximately €210 million (in Europe, similar ships cost around €300 million).

In 2010, 7 million UAH are to be allocated from the General Fund and 658 million UAH from the Special Fund for procurement and modernization of weapons and military equipment of the UAF.

Analysis of performance requirements for the new corvette indicates that commonly accepted standards put this ship into the "light frigate" category. Its endurance of up to 30 days and displacement of 2,5 thousand tons will enable the corvette to do patrolling even beyond the Mediterranean Sea. Whereas the ordinary corvette crew is some 70 seamen, the Ukrainian corvette's complement, according to its designers, will be some 100 personnel.

#### **11. The Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Society: Servicemen Participating in the Victory Day Parade**

The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed Decree № 568/2010 "On Activities with Russian Federation in Common Celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945" and Decree № 569/2010 "On Activities with the Republic of Belarus in Common Celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945"

**Comment:** The personnel assigned for execution of the Decrees include 75 officers and cadets of the Sagaidachnyi Army Academy (without weapons) who will be despatched to Moscow from 29.04 till 11.05.10 to take part in the parade there and 112 servicemen of the 95<sup>th</sup> separate airmobile brigade (8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps) will be in Belarus from 1.05 till 10.05.10 taking part in the Minsk parade.

135 cadets of the Belarusian Military Academy with the Deputy CGS, Major-General Ihor Viacheslavovych Glod at the helm, arrived in Ukraine on 28 April. 75 servicemen of Russia's 45<sup>th</sup> separate airborne special regiment arrived in Ukraine on 27 April.

## Ukrainian Defence Ministry's Allocations in 2010

Thousand UAH

<b>Item</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Special Fund</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><i>Total MoD allocations</i></b>	<b>13 470 933,2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8 806 887,3</b>	<b>65,4</b>	<b>4 664 045,9</b>	<b>34,6</b>
<b><i>Development of weapons, equipment and infrastructure</i></b>	<b>2 385 228,9</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>206 711,0</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>2 178 517,9</b>	<b>91,3</b>
<i>% of the total amount</i>	17,7		2,3		46,7	
<b><i>Training of the UAF</i></b>	<b>1 794 528,7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>937 242,3</b>	<b>52,2</b>	<b>857 286,4</b>	<b>47,8</b>
<i>% of the total amount</i>	13,3		10,6		18,4	
<b><i>Sustainment of the UAF</i></b>	<b>9 291 175,6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7 662 934,0</b>	<b>82,5</b>	<b>1 628 241,6</b>	<b>17,5</b>
<i>% of the total amount</i>	69,0		87,1		34,9	