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### 1. Security Policy: Security and Defence Legislation

During the next plenary week (18-21.05.10), the Supreme Council of Ukraine is to consider and debate two security and defence bills introduced by the National Security and Defence Committee.

**Comment:** The bill "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Pension Benefit for Retired Servicemen and Some Other Individuals" (on the pension size in the event of the loss of the breadwinner) suggests that in case of the loss of the breadwinner the pension should be increased up to 70-90% of the breadwinner's earnings.

The bill "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On State Protection of Ukrainian State Authorities and Officials" suggests to change subordination status of the State Protection Directorate of Ukraine by transferring the President's authority to the Cabinet of Ministers. Apart from that, the State Protection Directorate is also to be demilitarized by changing the status of its personnel from servicemen to rank-and-file staff members and executive officers in order to introduce European standards and change the Directorate's status from military to civilian organization.

### 2. Military Policy: Admission of Foreign Military Units to Ukraine

The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, suggests that the Supreme Council should admit foreign military units to Ukraine for participation in multinational exercises in 2010.

**Comment:** Bill №6378 "On Approval of the President's Decision on Admission of Foreign Military Units to Ukraine in 2010 for Participation in Multinational Military Exercises" is registered with the Supreme Council. The bill suggests that foreign military units should be allowed into Ukraine for participation in the Ukrainian-Canadian-Lithuanian-Polish exercise "Maple Arch 2010", the multinational exercises "Barrier 2010", "Cossack Step 2010" and "Blonde Avalanche 2010", the Ukrainian-Slovak exercise "Slavs for Peace 2010", Ukrainian-Romanian and Ukrainian-Belorussian exercises, the Ukraine-US exercises "Sea Breeze 2010" and "Rapid Trident 2010".

The approved "Plan of Multinational Exercises in Ukraine Involving Ukrainian Military Units and their Participation in Multinational Exercises Outside Ukraine in 2010" (Presidential Decree №253/2010 of 24.02.10) provides for conduct of 21 multinational exercises, including 9 exercises in Ukraine and 12 outside the country.

In 2009, the Supreme Council did not pass the bill allowing foreign military units into Ukraine to take part in multinational exercises. As a result, all multinational military exercise plans in Ukraine were foiled. Computer-assisted command-post exercises without troops substituted for the cancelled exercises. (10 exercises were cancelled (replaced with command-post exercises) altogether including 5 in Ukraine and 5 outside the country.)

### 3. Defence Planning: Allocations for Defence till 2023

11.05.10. The Cabinet of Ministers drew up the draft decree "On Anticipated Allocations for Defence from the State Budget General Fund till 2023".

**Comment:** The purpose of this Cabinet's decree is to enhance the quality of long-term defence planning, provide legal substantiation for defence review by designated governmental agencies and work out the long-term strategy for development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and other military formations. The draft stipulates that from 2011 on chief administrators of defence-targeted budgetary funds and the Ministry of Finance should regard anticipated figures as the minimal state budget allocations for defence as they develop the draft of the yearly state budget.

It should be noted that lack of the aforementioned figures makes it impossible to complete the Defence Review in Ukraine, plan middle-term and long-term development of the UAF and other military formations, development of weapons, equipment and the domestic defence industrial complex.

### 4. Combat Training: Practical Training with Cadets

12.05.10. 200 cadets of Combat Employment Faculty, Sagaidachnyi Army Academy, underwent practical training at the Multinational Peacekeeping and Security Centre in the Lviv region.

13.05.10. 18 navigator cadets of the Flying Faculty, Kharkiv Air Force University, underwent practical air training at the airfield of the air training brigade in the Kharkiv region.

**Comment:** The Army Academy cadets will spend a fortnight honing their skills at handling small arms, grenade launchers as well as IFV, APC and tank weapons.

The air cadets have already passed all ground tests including simulator and pre-flight training and began flying the specialized military transport aircraft An-26Sh. Each cadet is to spend in the sky the average of 20-25 hours depending on his individual level of attainment. The second and third year cadets will stay at the airfield by July whereas three this year's graduates will stay there a month longer. Each graduate has approximately 60 hours of flying time.

### 5. Manning of the UAF: Conscription Campaign "Spring 2010"

As of 13.05.10 63% of conscripts had already been drafted to serve in the Ukrainian Armed Forces and other military formations in the course of the conscription campaign "Spring 2010". 85% conscript servicemen had been discharged upon completion of their compulsory military service.

**Comment:** 160 young replacement reception stations have been established in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The new conscripts will be sworn in ceremoniously on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May and the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.

By the Government's decision, 1,677 million UAH are to be allotted from the State Budget for the spring conscription campaign.

Results of the public survey "Priorities motivating to opt for contract-based military service" (carried out by the DSPC in 2009) reveal that the vast majority of respondents (youth due for call-up) assume a positive attitude towards the prospects of military service on some conditions or other (85,11%). The percentage of those seeking to shirk military service regardless of its terms and conditions amounts to 13,33%.

#### **6. International Cooperation: Italian Military Delegation Visiting Ukraine**

11.05.10. A visit of an Italian military delegation headed by the Chief of the Army Staff, Colonel-General Giuseppe Valotto, commenced on this day.

**Comment:** At the meeting, the parties discussed development of bilateral military cooperation between the two armies. The Ukrainian military briefed their Italian counterparts on the current status and development prospects of the Ukrainian Army as well as its contribution to multinational peacekeeping operations.

In the course of their stay in Ukraine, the Italian military delegation visited a Separate Tank Brigade, 8th Army Corps, where the delegation members familiarized themselves with the unit's operational capabilities, weapons and equipment. Altogether 14 international cooperation events were conducted between the defence agencies of the two countries in 2009.

#### **7. International Cooperation: Meeting with the German Defence Attaché**

11.05.10. A protocol meeting was held in Kiev between the Chief of the General Staff, General of the Army Ivan Svyda, and the Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine, Colonel Eberhard von Seydlitz

**Comment:** In the course of the meeting, the parties focused on discussing Ukrainian unit's participation in the multinational exercise "Golden Mask 2010" in Germany and the prospects of its operating as part of a Bundeswehr NBC battalion within NRF.

The exercise "Golden Mask 2010" took place on 17-22 April 2010 at the Munster training area in Germany. A Ukrainian NBC unit consisting of 30 personnel and 8 equipment pieces took part in the exercise.

41 international cooperation events were conducted between the defence agencies of the two countries in 2009.

#### **8. International Cooperation: a UAE Military College Delegation Visiting Ukraine**

11.05.10. A delegation from the Command Staff Military College in the United Arab Emirates visited the Military Institute of the National Shevchenko University.

**Comment:** The aim of the visit was to obtain information on terms and conditions of military specialist training at the Military Institute. The delegation also familiarized themselves with the training facilities, organization of education and development process, the structure and key areas of activity of the Ukrainian higher military education establishment.

The Military Institute of the Kiev National University named after Taras Shevchenko is a military training department of a higher education establishment that trains specialists in international relations, international information, translation/interpretation, finances, psychology, political science, advertising and public relations, geographic information systems and technology for the UAF and other military units.

#### **9. International Cooperation: a Delegation of the US National War College Visiting Ukraine**

11.05.10. A meeting was held in Kiev between the Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Vice Admiral Ihor Kabanenko, and a delegation of the US National War College headed by Major General Robert Steel.

**Comment:** The aim of the meeting was to discuss issues of international, national and regional security. In the course of the meeting the parties also discussed elaboration of the new UAF Development Programme for 2011-2015, optimization of Command, Control and Logistics system, transition to the digital communications system, establishment of the Single Integrated Automated Command and Control System in the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

The National War College (the yearly throughput is 150-200 students) trains senior leaders for the US Armed Forces and governmental agencies.

See Annex to IAR DN 19/2010 for more information on the number of the UAF personnel who underwent language and professional training abroad.

#### **10. Development of Weapons and Equipment: Manufacturing Hulls and Bridges for APCs**

The Lozivsk Forge Engineering Works commenced manufacturing of hulls and bridges for BTR V1318 on order from the Morozov Design Bureau of Machine Building in Kharkiv.

**Comment:** Under the contract, the Lozivsk FEW plans to manufacture hulls and bridges for 420 APCs by October 2011. The total value of the contract exceeds 370 million UAH. The prototype model was manufactured in December 2009.

Batch production is already underway and the first batch of produce will be delivered to the assembly shop of the Morozov Design Bureau no later than June this year.

Closed Joint-Stock Company "Lozivsk Forge Engineering Works" specializes in mass serial production of 300 forged items. Its capacity is up to 180 000 forged pieces per day. Today the LFEW manufactures, among other things, tillage equipment, transmissions with carrying capacity of 3-4,2 tons. The enterprise occupies some 80% of the CIS market for manufacturing bridges for road vehicles in the given carrying capacity segment.

The number of Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel that underwent language and professional training abroad  
as of 01.01.2010

Year	Country																				Total by the year		
	Austria	UK	Estonia	Spain	Italy	Canada	China	Korea	Lithuania	Poland	Romania	Slovakia	Netherlands	Germany	Slovenia	USA	France	Turkey	Hungary	Croatia		Czech Republic	Switzerland
1992																1							1
1993																2	1						3
1994						4								6		13							23
1995						17							8	7		16	1		1				50
1996	2					26							10	13		13			2				66
1997						38							5	6		30	2					3	84
1998					1	33							11	15		28	2						90
1999	1			2		43							6	24		36	4	1				1	118
2000	1	1				31							6	18		26	7	1	24				115
2001	2	22				25							10	8		33	2	1	29				132
2002		18			3	31							6	12		31	8	1	23	2			135
2003		7	1		1	32	1		2				4	16	6	31	6	2	17		8		134
2004	1	6	1		2	41			2		1	5	6	31	4	41	5	3	26			1	176
2005	2	8	1		3	45			4			3	6	38		51	4	5	19			2	191
2006		3			1	40			5			6		17		60	5	4	20			1	162
2007	3	3	4	1	1	34			6	4		1		25		32	3	2	27			2	148
2008	3	6	3	1		35	1	1	2			4		15		41	5	2	22			1	142
2009		9	7		2	55	4	2	7			5		17		44	1		15			2	170
Total for the country	15	83	17	4	14	530	6	3	28	4	1	24	78	268	10	529	56	22	225	2	8	13	1940