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1. Security Policy: Ukraine's Participation in the Collective Security Treaty Organization

19.05.10. The Chief of the Presidential Administration, Sergiy Liovochkin, stated that there are no grounds at present for a discussion on the possibility of Ukraine's entry into the Collective Security Treaty Organization.

Comment: *In the course of his official visit to Kiev on 17-18.05.10, the Russian President Dmytro Medvedev, said that it is only the people of Ukraine who can make the decision on Ukraine's entry into the CSTO.*

The CSTO is a political-military alliance formed by former USSR republics on the basis on the Collective Security Treaty (CST) signed on 15 May 1992 in Tashkent. The Treaty is tacitly prolonged every five years. Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are CSTO members.

2. Military Policy: Admission of Foreign Military Units into Ukraine

18.05.10. The Supreme Council passed the bill "On Approval of the President's Decision to Allow Foreign Military Units into Ukraine in 2010 for Participation in Multinational Military Exercises".

Comment: *NATO member and virtually all neighbouring states (16 in total) will take part in multinational military exercises in Ukraine in 2010. The Ukrainian side covers 14% of the exercises cost whereas the remaining 86% will be paid by partner nations. Thus, out of 13,8 million UAH required for the conduct of the multinational exercises in Ukraine 15,8 million UAH will be allocated by the partners. The Defence Ministry's expenses will amount to 2,5 million UAH.*

In the course of the multinational exercises in Ukraine in 2010, the UAF will fulfil 18% of the yearly combat training plan. Over 600 Ukrainian servicemen will participate in exercises abroad and more than 3000 Ukrainian military personnel will be involved in the exercises conducted in Ukraine.

One of the military exercises to be conducted in Ukraine is the Ukraine-US "Sea Breeze 2010". Ukraine assigns to this exercise not only Naval forces, but also Army and Air Forces units, as well as personnel of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. The exercise "Sea Breeze 2010" is scheduled for the second half of July. According to the provisional contribution plans, Georgia and Moldova are dispatching one infantry unit each, the USA assigns a ship and a diver team, Turkey – a ship and two boats, Germany – a C-160 aircraft and a parachute instructors team, Denmark – a diver team.

3. Personnel Training: Inspection of Navy Control Post

19.05.10. The Deputy Defence Minister, Mykhailo Maliarchuk, and the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Colonel-General Volodymyr Mozharovskyi, arrived in the Crimea to inspect Navy Control Posts.

Comment: *The aim of the working trip of the MoD and GS senior officials is to verify readiness of Navy Control Posts and the Air Force Tactical Group "Crimea" for a demonstration exercise with students of the Ukrainian National Defence University scheduled for early June 2010.*

In the course of the work, the MoD and GS representatives were briefed by Navy and Air Force senior officials on readiness of the control post infrastructure. They also checked the state of fortifications and a Navy Mobile Control Post, examined brand-new communications equipment.

4. Multinational Exercise: «Peace Fairway 2010»

18.08.10. A preparatory conference on the Ukrainian-Russian command-post computer assisted exercise "Peace Fairway 2010" took place in Sevastopol.

Comment: *The Ukrainian-Russian exercise "Peace Fairway" was conducted biannually from 1997 till 2003 and had a peacekeeping nature. Ships, auxiliary vessels, naval aviation aircraft (both fixed-wing and rotary-winged), marine units were involved in the exercises. In 2003, the Russian Black Sea Fleet and the Ukrainian Navy assigned only one ship each for this exercise. No more exercises of this series have been conducted since 2003.*

The next Ukrainian-Russian exercise "Peace Fairway" is to have a larger scale involving ships, naval aviation and marine units.

5. International Cooperation: Meeting with the Polish Defence Attaché

20.05.10. A meeting was held in Kiev between the Ukrainian Chief of the General Staff, General of the Army Ivan Svyda, and the Defence Attaché at the Embassy of Poland to Ukraine, Colonel Waldemar Yarushevski

Comment: *Ivan Svyda congratulated Colonel Yarushevski on his having been elected President of the Kiev Military Attachés Association. 16 events between the UAF and the KAVA are scheduled for 2010 including visits to Ukrainian military units, meetings and briefings with senior executive officers of MoD and GS directorates and department.*

Issues discussed in the course of the meeting also included future military cooperation between Ukraine and Poland.

29 international cooperation events between the defence agencies of the two countries were conducted in 2009. It must be noted that at a KAVA meeting held on 27 April 2010 Polish Defence Attaché, Colonel Waldemar Yarushevski, was elected KAVA President.

6. Ukraine-NATO: Meeting of the Joint Working Group

26.05.10. A meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group on Defence Reform will be held in Kiev.

Comment: *One of the issues to be broached at the meeting is counter corruption in defence and security structures in the framework of the implementation of the NATO Initiative for development of integrity and transparency of defence institutions.*

In addition, the International Round Table "Acceleration of the Defence Reform in Ukraine" will be conducted in the framework of the JWGDR meeting. The Round Table agenda is provided in the Annex to the IAR DN 20/2010.

Defence and security cooperation with the Alliance is carried out in the framework of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group on Defence Reform (JWGDR).

The JWGDR was established in 1998 under the Charter on a Distinctive Partnership between Ukraine and NATO in order to promote practical cooperation with the Alliance. The JWGDR functions through high-level and "key group" events. High level meetings of the JWGDR are held alternately in Brussels and Ukraine and presided over by one of the co-chairmen as often as once a year. These meetings are attended by high-level authorized Ukrainian representatives and those of NATO member states.

7. Ukraine-NATO: Air Situation Data Exchange

19.05.10. A meeting was held in Odessa between Ukrainian Air Force senior officials, a Turkish Armed Forces delegation and representatives of the Allied Command Operations.

Comment: The meeting took on the form of consultations on the drafting of the Technical Agreement between the Ukrainian Defence Ministry, the Turkish General Staff and the SHAPE on establishment and maintenance of the Air Situation Data Exchange System linking the Command Post of the Ukrainian Air Command "South" and the Turkish Control and Warning Centre in Erzurum.

In the course of the meeting, the working groups discussed possibility of providing information on aircraft flights, weekly access to communications lines to ensure ASDE functioning, coordination of joint actions at each phase of the ASDE establishment and testing.

The meeting was held under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ukrainian Defence Ministry, the Turkish General Staff and the SHAPE on air situation data exchange signed in the NATO HQ in Brussels on 5 May 2010.

8. Equipment Development: Cruiser "Ukraine"

17.05.10. In the course of his joint press-conference with the Russian President, Dmytro Medvedev in Kiev, the Ukrainian President, Viktor Yanukovich, said that Russia intended to finish building of the missile cruiser "Ukraine".

Comment: the cruiser "Ukraine" project was launched at the Mykolaiv Shipyard (named after the 61 Communards) to the order of the USSR Military Fleet. The original name of the cruiser was "Fleet Admiral Lobov" and the name "Ukraine" was given to her in 1993.

The cruiser was to have become the fourth ship of Project 1164 also known as "Atlant". The cruiser was launched on 1 August 1990. The completion phase was suspended in 1996 due to the lack of financing and resumed in 1999. "Ukraine" was to have been adopted by the Ukrainian Navy first in 2000, then in 2001. The cruiser's full load displacement is 11280 tons; its length is 187m; the beam is 28m; the draft with full load is 6,25m; the endurance is 7500 miles. The ship is armed with the medium-range missile system C-300 "Fort" (the naval version of the C-300 system).

According to the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, upon its completion, the missile cruiser "Ukraine" can be handed over to Russia.

9. Conversion Challenges: Disposal of Rocket Fuel Components

18.05.10. A special train took 490 tons of melange from a rocket fuel components depot (Tsenzliv, Ivano-Frankivsk region) to Russia where the load will be processed.

Comment: 2200 tons of melange were stored at the Tsenzliv depot. The remaining 480 tons of rocket fuel oxidant are to be sent for disposal in late June.

On 16 September 2009, the Defence Ministry, the OSCE and three Russian enterprises signed a trilateral contract for disposal of liquid rocket fuel oxidizer also known as melange. The contract was concluded with the closed joint-stock company "Tehnoazot" and the two federal (state-owned) enterprises: the Sverdlov Plant and the Biysk Oleum Plant. Under the contract, 3168 tons of melange presently stored at depots in Vinnitsa and Ivano-Frankivsk regions are to be disposed of within a year by the Russian enterprises. Melange is the most hazardous component of rocket fuel. Over 16000 tons of melange in total are being stored in Ukraine.

10. Social Security: Housing for Servicemen

The Cabinet intends to allocate some 900 million UAH to provide housing for UAF servicemen in 2010. This statement was made by the Minister of Regional Development and Construction, V.Yatsuba, at the meeting on building sector development.

Comment: As of today, the total number of servicemen without flats in Ukraine exceeds 40000. 85 flats were put into service in 2009.

According to expert estimates, in order to provide housing for servicemen, 8,5 thousand square metres of living space need to be built which costs 42 billion UAH. On 7 April the Cabinet allocated 55,2 million UAH for this purpose.

International Round Table "Acceleration of the Defence Reform in Ukraine"

Round Table Concept

Ukrainian security and defence sector reform:

The aim of the round table is to provide an opportunity for representatives of state authorities, civil society and NATO member states to analyze the status of the Ukrainian security and defence sector, estimate key defence reform challenges and discuss priorities of further security and defence sector reform, the possibility of the Alliance's assistance to Ukraine, as well as prospective military cooperation between Ukraine and NATO.

Expediency of the event:

Ukraine is facing a challenging necessity to ensure accomplishment of a wide range of defence tasks, meet international its commitments while forging ahead with the defence reform in the extremely complicated economic environment. Ukraine is currently completing its Strategic Defence Review designed to identify areas and priorities for further security and defence sector reforming adapted to the realistic assessment of available resources. The Review results will form the foundation for an appropriate programme and associated detailed implementation plans.

The Round Table held at this crucial stage will enable joint search of priorities for further security and defence sector reforming as well as identification of Ukraine's requirements for external assistance and ways of effective employment of the Ukraine-NATO cooperation mechanisms in order to support reforms in the contemporary political environment.

Discussion Points:

- Key achievements of the previous stages of the Ukrainian security and defence sector reform
- Present and future challenges
- Further reforming priorities
- Prospects and priorities of Ukraine-NATO cooperation

Discussion Participants:

National Security and Defence Council;

Razumkov Centre;

Military Policy and Strategic Planning Department, Defence Ministry;

Main Defence Planning Directorate, General Staff;

NATO Liaison Office in Ukraine;

NATO (TBD);

Defense and Security Policy Center.

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