

Defense and Security Policy Center  
Kyiv, Olenivs'ka Str. 34a

Tel: (044)4257899  
Fax: (044)4259595  
E-mail: info@defpol.org.ua

### 1. Military Policy: CIS Chiefs of Defence Meeting

03.12.10. A regular meeting of the CIS Chiefs of Defence Committee presided over by the Russian Chief of the General Staff – First Deputy Defence Minister, General of the Army Nikolai Makarov was held at the CIS Chiefs of Defence Council Secretariat in Moscow.

**Comment:** *Chiefs of Defence signed a draft package of agreements aimed at development of military cooperation in the CIS framework.*

*Participants also considered documents on establishment of a Joint Integrated NBC Situation Control and Assessment System for CIS Defence Ministries; further development of cooperation to improve the single state radar indication system "Parol" as well as engineer support in military forces of CIS member states.*

*In addition, Chiefs of Defence approved documents on topographic and geodesic support and navigation in CIS armed forces; coordination between hydrometeorological (meteorological) services of CIS military forces; cooperation between CIS defence ministries in exchange and use of archive information.*

*The meeting was attended by General Staff delegations from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine.*

### 2. Military Policy: Conversion of the MoD's Frequencies

01.12.10. According to the member of the National Radio Communications Committee, Volodymyr Smoliar, the Frequencies Conversion Plan for the 2000MHz band (frequencies that can be used for 3G communications) can be agreed upon by the end of this month. A tender to sell licences for 3G communications to Ukrainian operators will begin in early January 2011.

**Comment:** *The frequencies conversion procedure (change of frequencies user from the Ukrainian Defence Ministry to nation-wide user i.e. communications operators) will take eight months. The Defence Ministry will be making frequencies available concurrently with operators preparing for development of 3G networks.*

*It will be recalled that last July the Defence Ministry agreed to decrease the cost of conversion from 2,5 billion UAH to 841 million UAH.*

*Experts take the view that 3G communications can appear in national operators' networks in the second half of 2011 at the earliest.*

*Under the Law of Ukraine "On Radio Frequencies Resource of Ukraine", the General Staff manages electromagnetic compatibility between state radio-electronic oversight assets and radio frequencies monitoring of the use of radio-electronic resources of Ukraine within special frequency bands.*

*Under the Defence Minister's Decree, the Central Electronic Warfare Department is the primary radio frequencies body coordinating all radio frequencies structures in the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.*

### 3. Manning Issues: Conscription Campaign "Autumn 2010"

01.12.10. The conscription campaign was completed in Ukraine.

**Comment:** *The number of conscripts drafted in the autumn of 2010 was increased by 700 people (up to 26700) compared to the last spring campaign.*

*20000 of them will join the Ukrainian Armed Forces, 5600 will go to the Interior Troops of the Ukrainian Ministry of Interior, and 1100 will reinforce the State Special Transport Service. The autumn conscription campaign lasted from 1 October till 30 November 2010. The lowest number of conscripts for the Ukrainian Armed Forces (19441 men) was drafted in 2004.*

*In 2010, the Government appropriated from the State Budget 1,722 million UAH for preparation and conduct of the autumn conscription campaign 1,677 million UAH for the spring campaign.*

### 4. International Exercises: "Maple Arch 2011"

30.11.10. The Initial Planning Conference of the Canadian-Polish-Ukrainian exercise "Maple Arch – 2011" ended in Warsaw (Poland).

**Comment:** *The overarching aim of the conference was to discuss the possibility of Ukrainian Army servicemen's participation in the exercise.*

*Conference participants discussed and agreed upon an Exercise General Task List proposed by exercise organizers. They also identified the number of Ukrainian participants and their transportation procedures.*

*Education "Leap Arc" found in 2003 with the initiative of the Ministers of Defense of the countries members and has been executed by "Partnership for peace" program. The purpose of the training – is to work with interaction of squads during the execution of the peacekeeping operations. In 2007-2009 the training didn't perform in order to different consequences (moved to next, need of financing etc.).*

### 5. Military Equipment and Defence Industry: "Bulat" Tank

According to the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, the Ukrainian Defence Ministry intends to adopt 24 tanks "Bulat" by 2016.

**Comment:** A separate tank brigade in Chernigiv region received another 10 Bulat's bringing the total number of these tanks at its disposal up to 61. Furthermore, the brigade is to have 85 Bulat's by the end of 2015.

The separate tank brigade's tasks are to hold taken up areas, lines and positions; repel enemy attacks; destroy enemy forces; take up important areas, lines and objectives.

The tank brigade consists of tank battalions, a mechanized battalion, a brigade artillery group, an antiaircraft artillery division, and support units.

In terms of armaments, the brigade has tanks T-64BV and T-64BM "Bulat", infantry fighting vehicles and BMP-1, antiaircraft missile systems "Tunguska", to name but a few.

## **6. Conversion Challenges: Melange Disposal**

29.11.10. 215 tons of liquid propellant of the "melange" kind was loaded and prepared for removal from Ukraine near Radehiv (Lviv region).

**Comment:** Almost 3000 tons of melange are to be disposed of under the international contract.

Removal of melange is to be completed in the first half of 2011. The Ukrainian Armed Forces currently possess approximately 13000 tons of melange.

2740 tons of propellant have already been removed for further processing from military depots in Vinnitsa and Ivano-Frankivsk regions in 2009-2010.

8 special rail tank cars carrying 400 tons of melange left Radehiv in July 2010 during the first cycle.

215 tons of propellant component were loaded into 5 special rail tank cars ZhKTs-39 during the second cycle of implementation of the Additional Agreement to the Ukraine-OSCE Project.

On 16 September 2009, the Ukrainian Defence Ministry, the OSCE, and three Russian enterprises signed a trilateral contract for melange disposal. The contract was signed by the closed joint-stock company "Technoazot" and two federal (state-run) enterprises, namely the Sverdlov Plant and the Biisk Oleum Plant.

## **7. Conversion Challenges: Disposal of "Scud" Missile Systems**

30.11.10. 130 "Scud" missile systems have been disposed of in Vinnitsa region over the past two and a half months.

**Comment:** The disposal works are carried out by the Ukrainian corporation "Commonwealth". The demilitarization process commenced in September 2010. On 30 November 2009, the Ukrainian Defence Ministry and the US Department of State signed Memorandum of Understanding on assistance with disposal and demilitarization of missile systems 9K72 ("Scud") as well as their constituent assets, materials and propellant components. 50 Scud's are to be demilitarized in the spring of 2011.

Implementation of the Scud termination and disposal programme is to be completed by the end of 2015.

"Scud" missile systems with the effective range of 40km were abandoned in 1997. One missile could carry a 100kilotonne nuclear charge.

Almost 150000 tons of ammunition are stored at the 48<sup>th</sup> arsenal. Disposal of one ton of ammunition costs \$500.

This military base has no place in future plans of Ukrainian military leaders. Therefore, the Defence Minister decided to disband it within the next five years.

## **8. Social Security of Servicemen: Buying Flats for Servicemen**

01.12.10. According to the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, the Defence Ministry intends to build and buy 43000 flats for its servicemen by 2017.

**Comment:** The Defence Ministry plans to build and buy 43000 flats (some 7000 flats annually) during 2011-2016. 45372 servicemen are currently on the waiting list for housing, including 11341 retired officers and NCOs. According to the Defence Minister, the military agency received 778 flats this year; another 2000 flats for servicemen will have been built and purchased by the end of 2010.

Moreover, according to the Minister, servicemen renting their flats will be reimbursed for these expenses starting from 2011 forward.

## **9. UAF and Society: Penalty for Violation of Military Registry Regulations**

The Supreme Council amended Article 210 of the Administrative Infraction Code of Ukraine thus increasing the penalty for citizens liable for military service who violate military registry regulations.

**Comment:** The penalty for violation of military registry regulation is thereby increased from 1-3 non-taxable minimum wages to 5-7 for the first infringement. An infringement repeated within a year will increase the penalty from 3-7 non-taxable minimum wages to 10-15.

See Annex to IAR DN 48/2010 for comparison characteristics of administrative responsibility for violation of military registry regulations.

**Comparison Characteristics  
Violation of Military Registry Regulations**

№	Назва	Ukraine	Russia	Belarus	Kazakhstan
1	Violation of military registry regulations by conscripts or citizens liable for call-up	from 5 to 7 non-taxable minimum wages* (85 – 119 UAH)	100 – 500 RUB (25 – 125 UAH) <i>Article 21.5.</i>	from 2 to 3 primary amounts** (2096 – 3144 UAH)	from 0,5 to 5 monthly design indices*** (38 - 380 UAH)
2	Second infringement repeated within a year	from 10 to 15 non-taxable minimum wages (170 – 255 UAH) <i>Article 210 of the Administrative Infraction Code of Ukraine</i>	<i>of the Administrative Infraction Code of the Russian Federation</i>	<i>Article 25.8. of the Administrative Infraction Code of Belarus</i>	<i>Article 508 of the Administrative Infraction Code of Belarus</i>

\* - a non-taxable minimum wage in Ukraine amounts to 17 UAH

\*\* - primary amount (minimum wage) amounts to 400000 BYR (1048 UAH); President's Decree № 490 of 27.09.10

\*\*\* - monthly design index in 2010 amounts to 1413 KZT (76 UAH); Act № 96-IV of 07.12.09