Changes in the NATO Standardization Scene

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"It's More Than Just STANAGs ..."

- **Interoperability Policy**

- **Support to the CNAD DAT Initiative**

- **Support to NATO Transformation**

- **NATO – Civil Standards relationship**

- **Contribution to NATO Force Planning**

- **Support to Partner Nations**

- **NCS Standardization Process Issues**

Interoperability Policy

- **Interoperability … "the ability to operate in synergy in the execution of assigned tasks."**

- **Policy was approved by the NAC on 4 Mar 05**

- **Interoperability process development is ongoing**
  - **Process will provide detailed guidance and procedures all NATO bodies should follow in the identification and resolution of the interoperability requirements**

Support to CNAD DAT Initiative

- **"Countering the terrorism threat"**
  - Protect large a/c / MANPADS
  - Protect harbors & vessels
  - Protect helicopters / RPGs
  - Countering IEDs
  - Precision Air-Drop for SOF
  - Defeat of CBRN weapons
  - ISR & Tgt Acq of terrorists
  - EOD & consequence mgmt
  - Defense against mortars
  - Protect critical infrastructure

- **Goal → Early ID of Interoperability issues**

- **Areas for Standardization**
  - Development of standard procedures & doctrines
  - Development of STANAGs
  - Preparation of CONOPS
  - Standardize alert messages & procedures
  - Development of interoperability standards

Support to NATO Transformation

- **NSA – ACT Relationship**
  - **NSA-ACT Workshops in Jun 05 & Nov 05 – Goals were to enhance the interoperability and standardization processes, and to develop tools to facilitate daily working relationships**
  - **NSA-ACT Working Relationship Paper, 7 Mar 06**

- **Efforts to match capability oriented philosophy with standardization supporting documentation is being explored**
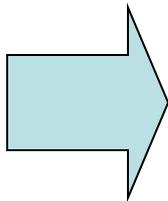
NATO – Civil Standards

- **NCS' Civil Standards Management Working Group**
  - **Drafted IPR Policy for NATO Standards**
  - **Transfer of Standards between civil and military standardization organizations**

- **NSA participating in various civil standards WGs**
  - **Signed (3) cooperation agreements with international civil standards organizations (ANSI, SAE, and ASTM)**

Contribution to NATO Force Planning

- **Alliance Standardization Requirements (ASRs) are discussed and approved at a Coordination Conference**

- **Under NATO Standardization Program, Tasking Authorities validate domain-related sub-ASRs and task their subordinated Working Groups**

- **Working Groups develop task responses and screen Force Proposals for new or changed Military Standardization Requirements**

Support to Partner Nations

- **Regular contacts with Partner Missions**

- **Polish MOD Standardization course**

- **Partnership Staff Element positions at NSA filled**

- **Istanbul Summit provided new political guidelines for Mediterranean Dialog countries**

- **NSA has also initiated contact under NATO – Russia relationship**

- **Informal contacts at NCS meetings**

Standardization is important to most Nations and Partners

NCS Standardization Process Issues

- **Boards, Working Groups, and Panels – Is work going to the appropriate group?**

- **Documents generated and utilization by Nations**

- **DoD participation (i.e. personnel, organizations, assignment process, policy documents, funding, etc.)**

- **Level of other Nations' participation – Do we have negative standardization?**