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Annex A

Overview

Security Sector Reform, the Good Governance concept

(Basics of SSR, introducing the Good Governance principle)

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Venue(s) RACVIAC Facilities at "Vitez Damir Martić" Military Barracks, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, Croatia.

Background The necessity for implementation of various aspects of Security Sector Reform (SSR) in SEE countries was recognised years ago. Countries from the SEE region have done tremendous work in the field of SSR through various completed and ongoing reforms and projects.

The series of seminars inaugurated in March 2011 aims at addressing the importance of SSR and its generally beneficial outcomes at both the national and the local level during these times of harsh economic and financial crisis, which is already considered to be long-term given the sheer impossibility of estimating its termination date and its overall national, regional and global impacts.

Good governance, no matter how complex in its overall reach, can be clearly described as **the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented).**

Governance can, therefore, be used in several contexts such as corporate governance, international governance, national governance and local governance.

This seminar is to provide key information and practice related to the Good Governance concept to officials engaged at various levels and different forms in governing national resources, including drafting and passing laws, planning and executing defence budgets, managing human resources, directing agencies, encouraging civil society actions, leading public sector actors and many other.

Purpose & Objectives

The purpose and objectives of this seminar are:

- to address and explain the concept of Good Governance as one of the most important and most applicable principles of Security Sector Reform (SSR), especially in the times of economic hardship
- to provide decision-makers with relevant information on the concept and tools of Good Governance whose implementation can nothing but contribute to the overall national security,
- to outline global and national benefits deriving from the implementation of Good Governance principles in preparing, drafting and passing decisions and acts both on the national and local level,

- to outline how and why managing national, regional and local resources, accountability and coordination in drafting and passing laws, managing agencies, public sector actors, civil sector actors and many other elements is what constitutes good governance.
- to underscore the importance of Good Governance principles as the key to stability and security, sustainability and development
- to provide the necessary insight into the practice and experience of good governance as the indispensable pillar of Security Sector Reform.

Participants

Number of participants (estimated): approx. 25 - 30

The seminar is intended for 3 to 4 participants from AL, BA, BG, GR, HR, ME, MK, RO, RS and TK, as follows:

- members of parliament,
- parliament officials (staffers) from defence or other committees,
- military officers with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Colonel or their civilian equivalents engaged in drafting acts in the field of defence policy, military service, resources management, etc.
- equivalents from ministries of foreign affairs and the interior are most welcome.

Representatives of civil society organisations operationally engaged in national or local decision-making processes are most welcome to participate.

Methodology

Interactive lectures and open discussions. Participants must be able to use the English language in a way that they can understand delivered lectures/presentations as well as to communicate therein contained ideas and concepts.

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