

1. GENERAL

The purpose of the military operation is to stabilise the GREEN region and create conditions for the resolution of the crisis. As part of that, the Task Force will protect the population and end the exaction of various factions.

2. SITUATION

a. General

Paragraph "situation" of "main body" CONOPS

b. Civil assessment

The CIMIC effort on the theatre must take account, of the existence of civil structures ready to satisfy the population's needs, although certain public services in Green have ceased functioning. The maintenance of public health, sanitation, transport, communications, agriculture and commerce are vital to a sustainable peace process.

c. Humanitarian Organisations.

UNHCR, UNICEF and RED CROSS have long been present in the region, and regional offices of main IO/NGO should be able to organise humanitarian convoys. (UN, UNHCR and UNICEF have bulk of their facilities at Cotonou and Ouidah)

- **UNHCR** provides international humanitarian protection and assistance to refugees. UNHCR has been appointed as "lead humanitarian agency".
- **UNICEF** protects the right of the children according to moral principles and international standards.
- **RED CROSS** and Red Crescent Movement improves the humanitarian situation of the vulnerable.

d. Refugees and Displaced Persons (DPRE's)

All the DPRE have been driven out of their homes, receiving unequal degrees of essential basic needs such as food, water, shelter and medical aid. DPRE situation is currently alarming but could rapidly worsen if unrest is not stopped. Orange authorities try to provide initial humanitarian assistance to the DPRE and support IO's and NGO's in their humanitarian efforts (tracks, roads, and precarious bush camps).

e. Civil-Military Centres of gravity

At the Strategic level, it consists in the support of the Force by the international Community and by the Green opinion.

f. Civil-Military End State

The civil-military end-state will be reached when the humanitarian situation in GREEN is under control by the local administration supported by IO and NGO's, without further ECOWAS military support.

g. CIMIC Key Tasks.

- (1) Tasks with the profit of the force in order to facilitate the preparation and the execution of the deployment and to support the control of the military operations.
- (2) Tasks with the profit of the civil environment to make the valuation of the civil environment, to contribute to the re-establishment of the state of right and participate to the restarting of the economic life.
- (3) Humanitarian tasks in order to carry help to the populations and support the humane organisations.

h. Constraints

When they profit with the refugees, the CIMIC actions must be balanced and impartial. The Task Force should limit the use of military capacities to undertake civil tasks.

i. Civil-military Objectives

- (1) To contribute to the support of the Force in its pacificator mission of stabilisation.
- (2) To contribute to confidence measures in the re-establishment of civil peace.
- (3) To support the local authorities, the IO and NGO in ensuring the return to normal life in GREEN.
- (4) To support ORANGE authorities and IO/NGO in the management of the DPRE (including temporary refugee Reception Centre -RRC-).

j. Assumptions

- (1) Preserved capacities of the administrative structures in Green (absence of institutional vacuum).

- (2) Existence of a complementary planning in the event of release a RESEVAC.
- (3) Establishment at the strategic level of SOFA, MOU and technical arrangements necessary to the legal framework of the Force mission.

3. MISSION

As soon as possible, establish then maintain the CIMIC co-operation with the Force representatives, the local authorities and the representatives of suitable agencies acting under international mandate.

4. EXECUTION

a. Intention

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b. Concept of Operations

- (1) Deployment (CIMIC Planning, Advice, and Instruction/Training).
- (2) Support (Liaison/communication, CIMIC Co-ordination, exchange of CIMIC Information, implementation of HNS Agreements)
- (3) Transfer Of Authority (TOA): Facilitate Force's recovery and ensure smooth transition of non-military functions to appropriate civilian organisations.

c. CIMIC Tasks to appropriate CIMIC structures.

The CIMIC co-ordination actions will be led to the COMANFOR level.

All the G5 teams on the ground will communicate locally with the OI and NGO. J9 of the HQ will communicate with OI and NGO's offices of Ouidah:

- Establish and maintain close relations with the local authorities and with the main civilian actors.
- Evaluate permanently the situation of the refugees and their composition (against infiltration).
- Facilitate the freedom maneuver and the legitimacy of the force.
- Gather information concerning the environment of the non military force and minefields.
- Identify the local resources of potentialities available for the force.
- Contribute to the safety of the convoys, the personnel, the warehouses and other humanitarian installations.