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Prior Notification of Certain Military Activities in the Middle East

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CERTAIN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Participants will notify in writing other Participants seven (7) days or more in advance of the start of notifiable military activities involving their armed forces. This notification will be given regardless of whether such activities take place on its own territory, except in applicable cases where specific exceptions are provided.

THRESHOLDS

Any military activity in the field conducted under a single operational command independently or in combination with any possible air or naval components will be subject to notification whenever it involves at any time during the activity:

-- at least 4,000 troops, including support troops or
-- at least 111 battle tanks.

The participation of air forces in combination with any land and naval components will be notified if it is foreseen that, excluding helicopters:

-- in the course of the activity 150 or more sorties or,
-- 16 or more sorties at one time or,
-- 50 or more sorties in a 24 hour period,

will be flown.

The engagement of military forces either in an amphibious landing or in a parachute assault by airborne forces will be subject to notification whenever the amphibious landing involves at least 400 troops or whenever the parachute drop involves at least 400 troops.

Notifiable military activities carried out without advance notice to the troops involved, are exceptions to the requirement for prior notification to be made 7 days or more in advance. Notification of such activities at or above the agreed thresholds, will be given at the time the troops involved commence such activities.
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION

Notification will be given in writing of each notifiable activity in the following agreed form:

General Information. The following information will be provided for all notifiable activities:

-- the designation of the military activity;

-- the general purpose of the military activity;

-- the names of regional Participants involved in the military activity;

-- the level of command, organizing and commanding the military activity;

-- the start and end date of the military activity;

-- the total number of troops taking part in the military activity (i.e. ground troops, amphibious troops, airmobile and airborne troops);

-- whether mobilized reserve troops are involved;

-- the total number of battle tanks and the total number of anti-tank guided missile launchers mounted on armored vehicles;

-- the total number of artillery pieces and multiple rocket launchers 100mm or above;

-- the total number of helicopters;

-- envisaged number of sorties by aircraft, excluding helicopters;

-- naval ship-to-shore gunfire;

-- indication of other naval ship-to-shore support;

The engagement of military forces either in an amphibious landing or in a parachute assault by airborne forces:

-- the total number of amphibious troops involved in notifiable amphibious landings; and/or the total number of airborne troops involved in notifiable parachute assault.
The Envisaged Area and Timeframe and Context of the Activity. The following information will be provided for all notifiable activities:

-- the area of military activity delimited by geographic features together with geographic coordinates;

-- the relationship of the activity to other on-going notifiable activities.

Any Participant may seek clarification regarding any aspect of a notification conducted under this measure. Participants that receive a request for clarification are encouraged to provide as complete an explanation as possible in writing no later than 2 days after a clarification request is received.

Mobilization of Reserves. The mobilization of reserves will be notified if the number of troops mobilized exceeds 10,000.

MEANS OF NOTIFICATION

Participants will provide notifications and clarifications in writing through the ACRS communications network. For parties not participating in the network, notification will be provided through usual or third party diplomatic channels.