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OVERVIEW OF THE MIC

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide an Adaptive and Agile Framework to Allow Potential Lead Nations Opportunity to Identify Interoperability Issues and Articulate Courses of Action to Set the Conditions, at the Strategic and Operational Level, for More Effective Coalition Operations Within and Outside Extant Political Alliances.
OVERVIEW OF THE MIC

• Only Operator-Led MN Interoperability Forum
  – Focus on Strategic and higher Operational Level Coalition C2 and Information Sharing Interoperability Issues
  – Spans Elements of Joint/Combined Warfighting Staffs
  – Addresses Overarching Interoperability Issues
    • Operational, Technical, Doctrinal, Policy, and Procedural
  – Scope and Solutions Could Positively Affect Coalition Building and Operations As Well As Influence Other Interoperability Forums
OVERVIEW OF THE MIC

• **Members**
  – AUS, CAN, DEU, FRA, GBR, ITA, USA
    • Countries Most Likely to Form and Lead a Coalition Operation
    • Demonstrated Willingness, Competence, and Capability

• **Observers**
  – NZL
    • Countries That Do Not Meet Membership Criteria but Are Interested in Multinational Interoperability and Information Sharing
    • Participate in MIC General Interoperability Discussions
    • Participate in Issue Specific MIWG Meetings and Work Groups

• **Associates**
  – NATO ACT, EU Military Staff
    • Organizations That Are Interested in Multinational Interoperability
    • Participate in the Same Way as Observers
ORGANIZATION

MIC Principals

- Senior Executive Body
- J-3 led
- Meets annually

MIC Executive Secretariat

- Lead representative from each country
- Meet quarterly

Capstone

- MOD Representatives from each country
- Meet semiannually

Ops MIWG

P&D MIWG

Med MIWG

CDE MIWG

Network MIWG

Log MIWG
RELATIONSHIPS

MIC
MIC ES/EXCOM
Capstone
Operations
Network
P&D
CDE
Logistics
Medical

National Structure

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Multi-Fora SOC

CCEB
AUSCANNZUKUS
ASIC
ABCA

Other Multi-fora
--MPAT

Observer/Associate
Status
NZI
NATO
MIC-MULTIFORA RELATIONSHIP

Observers

Australia
Canada
United Kingdom
United States

ABCA
ASIC
CCEB
TTCP
AUSCANNZUKUS

Associates

France
Italy
Germany

MIC
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coalition Information Exchange Environment 2008 V2
  - Addresses Technological As Well As a Broad Range of Requirements Across Other Lines of Development (DOTMLPF)
- MIC Wide Area Network (WAN) CONOPS, Dec 2006
- Coalition Network Strategy (CNS)
  - A Strategy and Guidance Document to Improved Information Exchange Between Coalition Partners
- MIC Information Exchange Memorandum of Understanding (MICIEM), 08 Jun 06
- Coalition Building Guide (CBG), Chg 1 – 08 Jun 06
  - Lead Nation Concept
  - Lead Nation Utilization
  - MPAT Adopted Lead Nation Concept in MNF SOP
  - Reference Document for MNE Strategic Plan
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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CONTINUING EFFORTS

- Capture and Exploit Coalition Interoperability Lessons Observed / Identified
- Interagency / NGOs / IOs
- Mutual Logistics Support Arrangements
- Coalition Connectivity
- Participation / Representation in Multinational Limited Objective Experiments (MNLOE)
- Table Top Exercise
- Bi-ennial Gap Analysis
- Marketing the MIC
MIC SCHEDULE

2007

• MIWG Conference
  – 12 to 16 Mar 07
    • Washington, DC
• MIC Principals’ Meeting
  – 04 to 07 Jun 07
    • Venice, ITA
• MIWG Conference
  – 10 to 14 Sep 07
    • PACOM, HI
• Capstone Strategic Planning Session
  – 05 to 09 Nov 07
    • Toronto, CAN
• Principals’ Secure VTC
  – Dec 07
CLOSING THOUGHTS

• Key to Multinational Ops is unified action
• Must build lasting relationships through regular meetings
• Nations must understand each others’ capabilities, limitations and culture
• Interoperability is not just tied to information networks, it also involves doctrine, policy, logistics, medical and intelligence
• Often when something cannot be done, it is because of policy instead of technology
• Strategic level interoperability is important in achieving operational and tactical interoperability
Questions