

FOREWORD

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The feedback I got from the last issue encouraged me to continue to show the NRDC ITA's life in three fields: the deployment abroad, the main exercises and events we have done and, as it is customary, a glance at our internal life.

The Exercise "Eagle Dagger" was a very interesting test of our flexibility due to the fact that NRDC ITA succeeded in setting up a complete Command Post for a Crisis Response Operation with the limited human resources not committed to ISAF.

The work we have done so far and the debate related to our internal cycle are to me clear evidence of the fact that a thorough discussion about the doctrine is needed to harmonize people's culture and experiences.

Any operation, any threat and any hotspot in the world we are likely to go to requires adjusting the details of our procedures to be consistent with the mission to accomplish.

To this extent the magazine is a suitable arena for conceptual fighters to identify the key elements to be taken into account to have a Theatre level Headquarters provided with the necessary situational awareness, wide flexibility and a proactive approach to manage complex operational pictures.

Our next main exercise will be on a warfighting scenario, but even classical scenarios are to be dealt with, with a high level of flexibility in order to correctly identify the opponent forces and to protect appropriately the communities under threat.

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