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2010, a Challenging Year for NRDC-ITA

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2010 will be another challenging year for NRDC-ITA! The Headquarters will be involved in a series of demanding training events and evaluations focusing on planning and preparation for NRF 16 in early 2011. Our activities and focus in 2010 activities will be developed along three main axis:

- HRF (L) deployment exercise;
- Combat readiness evaluation (CREVAL);
- NRF preparation.

Of course, activities along these axes will have to run in parallel but also, whenever possible and feasible, they will have to cross and interact as appropriate.

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his command. The desired end-state is that COM NRDC-ITA can confirm to COM NRF that the Land Force package for NRF 16 has reached the desired level of proficiency and interoperability prior to the operational level training exercise.

The exercise will take place at the beginning of October, and will see the deployment of the MAIN CP in Bellinzago and the ALT CP to the Candelo training facility. The CBRN BN CP will be co-located with the LCC MAIN.

The exercise will be a multi-level tactical CPX in a NATO-led CRO under Chapter VII of the UN Charter beyond the NATO area of responsibility and it will be focused on the execution of a Land Centric NRF CRO. Furthermore,

being an exercise focused on the certification/validation of the combat readiness and interoperability of the NRF 16 Land Component package, it will set up a robust joint environment in order to allow the HQ to plan and conduct the NRF mission, as the LCC, in the most realistic way.

Exercise "Eagle Meteor"

Exercise "Eagle Meteor" will be the main training event for NRDC-ITA in the first semester 2010 (June). The aim of the exercise is to consolidate (HRF) NRDC-ITA's capabilities in conducting and managing transitional operations, at Corps level, from a war-fighting to stabilisation operations.

The exercise will be conducted as a DEPLOYEX / CPX in Torre Veneri (LE), which means deploying more than a thousand kilometres from our home base. In this respect, Exercise "Eagle Meteor" is expected to contribute to the validation of NRDC-ITA's deployment and C2 capabilities over long distances (CREVAL) and to consolidate the HQ's expeditionary mindset ahead of the next NRF engagement.

NRDC-ITA will deploy both the MAIN CP and the RSC as Primary Target Audience (PTA) and will provide significant contributions to the set up of the exercise control (EXCON) based in Solbiate, which is likely to be directed by the IT-JFHQ.

Exercise "Noble Light II"

Exercise "Noble Light II" is aimed at training and exercising the NRF 16 LCC command and control procedures while validating the interoperability of the participating combat units command posts. The exercise will also provide an opportunity for COM NRDC-ITA to validate the combat readiness of the NRF forces under

Exercise "Steadfast Cobalt"

This exercise is aimed at training, assessing and evaluating the level of CIS interoperability required to support voice and data connectivity between and within NATO HQs and deployed Forces (NRF CCs). In particular, it will provide key aspects of the NRF Certification Process, specifically focusing on NRF 16/17 rotations, by taking into account the related CJSOR. The exercise location is still to be determined, though it is likely that it will be conducted in Germany in mid September.

Exercise "Steadfast Juno"

This exercise is designed to serve as a major step in the training and evaluation of NRF 16 and to support the FOC declaration of JFCNP as COM NRF. It is a three level (strategic, operational and tactical) CPX/CAX for a NATO-led Crisis Response Operation. It is designed to exercise JFC Naples (as JHQ Main) and DJSE Madrid in commanding and controlling a multinational deployed force tailored to conduct a Smaller Joint Operation in a complex environment to include asymmetrical and



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CBRN threats.

The exercise, which will see NRDC-ITA participating as a deployed land-based NRF LCC, is aimed at training, integrating and evaluating the NRF 16 command structure's ability to plan and conduct for a NRF operation.

The exercise will take place in December and it will be executed using existing infrastructures to the maximum extent. In this respect, NRDC-ITA will deploy its (NRF) MAIN CP to a training area close to the "U. Mara" Barracks.

By the time of the release of this issue of the NRDC-ITA magazine, the HQ will have already gone through a number of training events, such as the "Eagle Eye" Seminar, exercises "Eagle Fast" and "Eagle Snowmaster" and participation in the Italian Mountain Troops skiing and mountaineering competitions. HQ staff will have started working on the CREVAL dossiers and on the review of relevant SOI/SOPs, in particular with a view to prepare for the challenging NRF engagement, while supporting other GRF in terms of mutual training support.



I am conscious of the tremendous burden that we will have to bear in the coming months but I am also confident that professionalism and dedication to duty of all NRDC-ITA staff will ease the difficulties and allow our HQ to achieve its goals.

2010 will be a challenging year, be confident, we will succeed!

