

# Commander NRDC-ITA Address

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Since I assumed the command of this unique Headquarters on 30 June 2011, I have been aware that taking over the responsibility would have meant to be called to accomplish a new mission. The mission of serving the needs of the Alliance, leading, in the name of continuity, an already valuable organization characterized by the precious expertise and professionalism of all allied personnel.

It is always worth reflecting on the achievements and look at the challenges lying ahead. The Headquarters rapid logistic projection model, the ability to sustain its complex and articulate structure, as well as meeting the Combat Readiness Evaluation criteria, have been tested throughout various exercises, as part of the NRF-16 preparation cycle. The positive outcome of all the past exercises was really evidence to the Corps being a reliable Headquarters of the Alliance, both in the national and international operational environments.

Such a complex operational situation has paved the way for the implementation of the new Strategic Concept and the Comprehensive Approach Doctrine.

Eagle Eye Seminar 2011 gave a great opportunity to this Headquarters to give an effective contribution in setting up a useful framework on which to build up its understanding on how to approach such new strategies and

doctrines, both physically and conceptually.

May I therefore express to all the Staff my sincere gratitude for the excellent contribution to what the Headquarters nowadays represents in the modern strategic scenario.

That contribution would be not sustainable without the continuous support of our beloved families. To them go my warmest and fondest thanks for what they do for us every day!

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to what should be seen as key elements for success.

I firmly believe that individual commitment to team effort is what leads us to success. In a multinational environment, cooperation at every level leads to achieve common goals. Success is also synonym of respect of roles. Roles that refer to different levels of accountability. Levels of accountability which belong to leaders who are to win the respect by delivering more than they promise and not the other way around.

Common goals require the cooperation of all the NRDC-ITA personnel. Nationality makes no difference when it comes to common goals. We all need to give our essential contribution in the name of the life we chose. A



life that has got rules. Rules that are supposed to be followed in order to assist us meeting common goals.

A lot has been done but it is still a long way to go! I am confident that together we will make it happen through any challenge we are going to face.