

TERMS OF REFERENCE
WORKING GROUP
TRAINING & EDUCATION FOR PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

References:

- A. MC 238/2 dated 3 March 2000
- B. Minutes NTG CM Meeting 9 June 1999
- C. Minutes NTG JSSG Meeting 19-23 March 2001
- D. NATO Strategic Concept

INTRODUCTION

1. Due to changes in the NATO Strategic Concept, nations devote special attention to train their military personnel for Peace Support Operations (PSO). According to the NATO Strategic Concept PSO can be conducted by NATO member states only or members of the Alliance in cooperation with countries from outside NATO.
2. Members of the NATO Training Group / Joint Service Sub Group (NTG/JSSG) consider it of great importance that a maximum level of standardisation in the field of individual and collective training for PSOs is achieved throughout NATO. These standards can also be used as guidelines for non-NATO countries. Standardisation of individual and collective training will enhance the operational effectiveness of a NATO-led Peace Support Operation.
3. Harmonisation of effort in the field of individual, collective training, evaluation, lessons learned and operational demands are seen as a precondition for establishing a maximum level of standardisation.
4. During the NTG/JSSG Spring meeting 2001 agreement was reached among the JSSG members that a special working group on Training and Education for Peace Support Operations (WG/TEPSO) should convene and be tasked to address the issue.

AUTHORITY

5. The Working Group on Training and Education for Peace Support Operations (TEPSO) is supported by the NTG/JSSG on the basis of these Terms of Reference as directed by the MC 238/2 (Reference A) NATO NTG TOR.
6. The WG/TEPSO reports to the Chairman JSSG.

AIM

7. The aim of the working group is to maximise interoperability by recommending objectives for education and training for Peace Support Operations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

8. The Working Group on Training and Education for Peace Support Operations is responsible for:

- a. Identifying existing bodies and their responsibilities in the field of PSO education and training and making recommendations on improvements that should be established;
- b. Assessing existing coordination mechanisms and make recommendations on improvements that should be established;
- c. Identifying and recommending relevant areas within military training and education for PSO where standardisation is appropriate and beneficial to the NATO and PfP nations;
- d. Proposing standardisation objectives related to military training and education levels for improving operational effectiveness in PSOs;
- e. Defining a methodology by which shortfalls, mentioned in exercise evaluation reports and/or lessons learned reports, based on insufficient military training can be translated into training objectives.

COMPOSITION

9. The WG/TEPSO consists of members from NATO nations and partner nations, delegates of organisations who are required for their specific expertise:

- a. Chairman (elected by delegates from NATO nations);
- b. Representatives from SCs;
- c. Representatives from NTG Sub Groups;
- d. Representatives from NATO countries;
- e. Representatives from Partner nations;
- f. Delegates from other organisations, as appropriate.

10. The Chairman may invite specialists on PSO training and education from nations and international organisations and form ad hoc sub working groups to deal with specific topics.

MEETINGS

11. Initially, meetings will take place twice a year or as decided at the first meeting when a clearer idea of that tasks and workload can be better assessed. Time and location are to be decided by the WG. Additional meetings may be convened and additional ad hoc sub working groups be established if deemed necessary.

12. For the meetings of the WG/TEPSO an agenda will be prepared which will be distributed to all participants at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

13. A report of each meeting will be prepared and forwarded to the Chairman JSSG and members within 30 days of the meeting.