Multinational Planning Augmentation Team (MPAT)

World-Wide Personnel Recovery Conference
09-12 January 2007
• What is MPAT?
• Multinational Force Standing Operating Procedures (MNF SOP)
• Major Crisis Response: Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE
• Personnel Recovery Procedures
A *cadre of military planners* ...

- From nations with Asia-Pacific interests
- Capable of rapidly augmenting a multinational force (MNF) headquarters (HQ)
- Established *to plan and execute coalition operations*
- In response to military operations other than war (MOOTW) / small scale contingencies (SSC)
A Multinational Program

- Multinational venue to share MNF CTF HQ procedures
- Maintains a cadre of MNF planners
- Develops habitual relationships among MPAT cadre
- Includes interested nations, International Organizations (IOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), & United Nations (UN) agencies / funds / programmes

MPAT PROGRAM BELONGS TO ALL INTERESTED NATIONS
Objectives & Methods

- Improve Speed of Multinational Crisis Response
- Improve Multinational Force Interoperability
- Increase CTF Mission Effectiveness
- Unity of Effort

- Strengthen & Practice Common Crisis Action Planning Procedures
- Develop and become familiar with common Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) for MNF CTF HQ
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(33 countries)
• **Multinational Document:**
  - Ownership by MPAT nations is critical
  - Foundation reference for multinational crisis response

• **Not prescriptive, binding or directive:**
  - Serves as a “guide” (start point) for multinational operations
  - Based on “Lead-Nation” Concept (one nation in lead)
  - Living, unsigned, web-based document (refinement institutionalized)

• **Focus is Operational Level – Coalition / Combined Task Force (CTF):**
  - Primary focus: Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW)
  - Support full range of small scale contingencies (SSCs)
MULTINATIONAL FORCE STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (MNF SOP)

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Unified Effort is the Goal

Unified Action

- Workshops & Seminar
- Education & Training
- Exercises

Information-Sharing
Learning
Knowing

How Do We Coordinate, Cooperate, Synchronize Efforts?
Major Crisis Response

CONFLICT - almost exclusively in developing nations

DISASTERS - affect developing nations disproportionately

- Requirements exceed capacity more easily thus requiring international help
- Usually a large area, often remote, with constrained access and limited resources
- Often inadequately developed infrastructure (air, land, sea) and communications networks
- Limited health and education systems
- Inadequate, failing or failed governments (if functioning, usually highly bureaucratic & often corrupt)
- Language, cultural and religious differences
- Security concerns due to conflict or criminal influence
Multinational Operations

• Rule of Three:
  – 3 times more difficult
  – 3 times longer
  – Say everything 3 times

• But – unilateral operations are the exception rather than the rule!
Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE

Indian Ocean Earthquake &
Tsunami Disaster Relief Operations
Shoreline Before

QuickBird Natural Color Image
23 June 2004
Shoreline After

- Heavily Eroded Shoreline
- Completely Destroyed Buildings
- Missing Shoreline
Banda Aceh After

Massive Piles of Debris

Flooded Areas

Flooded Areas

QuickBird Natural Color Image
28 December 2004
Significant Challenges

- Limited Infrastructure - airfields
- Many aircraft - mostly civilian
- Inadequate communications
- Operations were mostly bilateral with no central coordinating regime
- Only one aircraft mishap (H-60 rollover at Banda Aceh)

Joint, Multinational & Interagency
Personnel Recovery Procedures

- Developed during MNF SOP Workshops in 2004 & 2005
- Based on JP 3-50 Personnel Recovery & J TF HQ SOP PR Procedures
- Updated to reflect character of PR operations in multinational environment
  - Terminology
  - Simplified Concept, Functions, C2, Planning & Reporting
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