



NLD SOF AT THE CROSSROADS

Changing towards future operations

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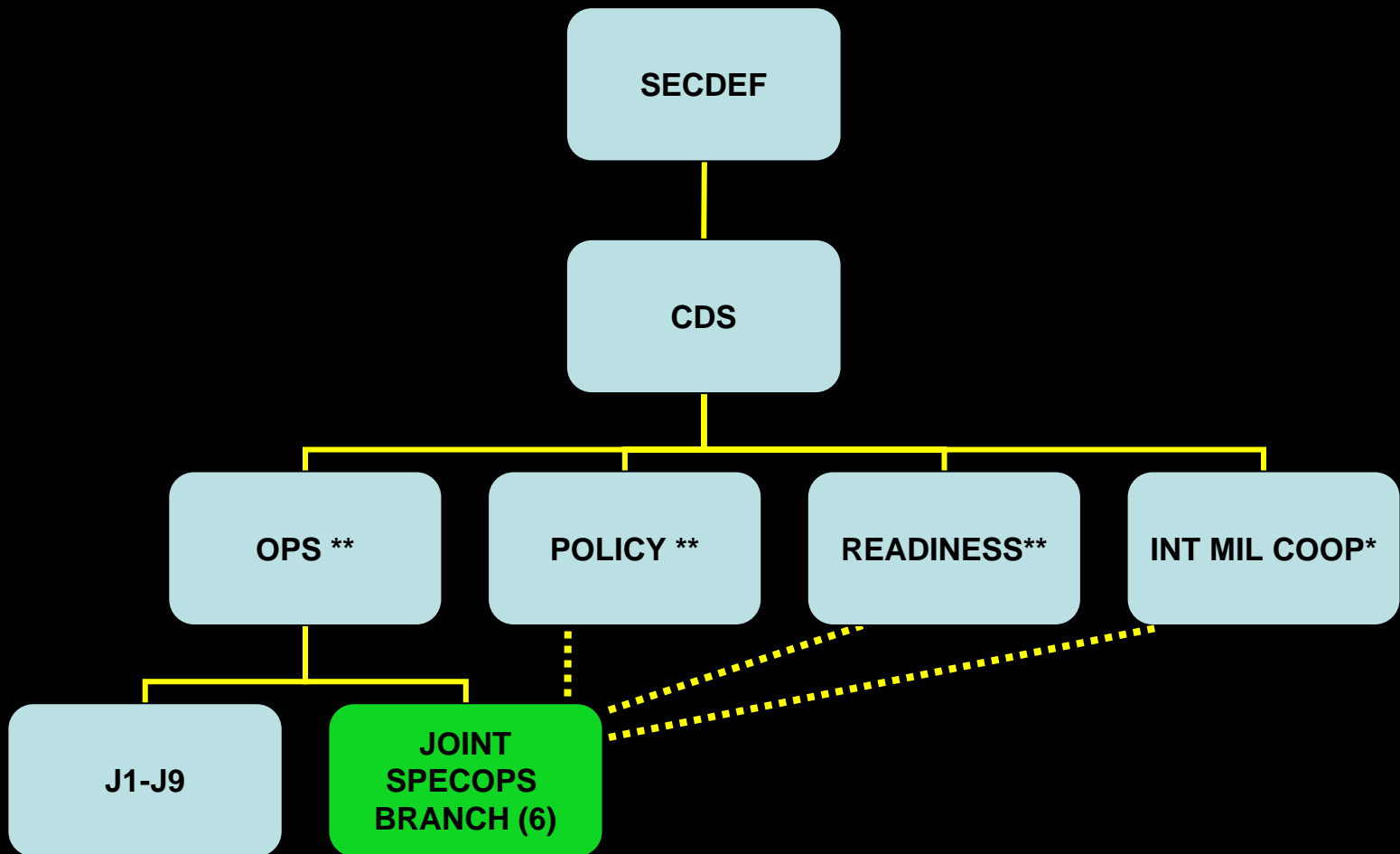
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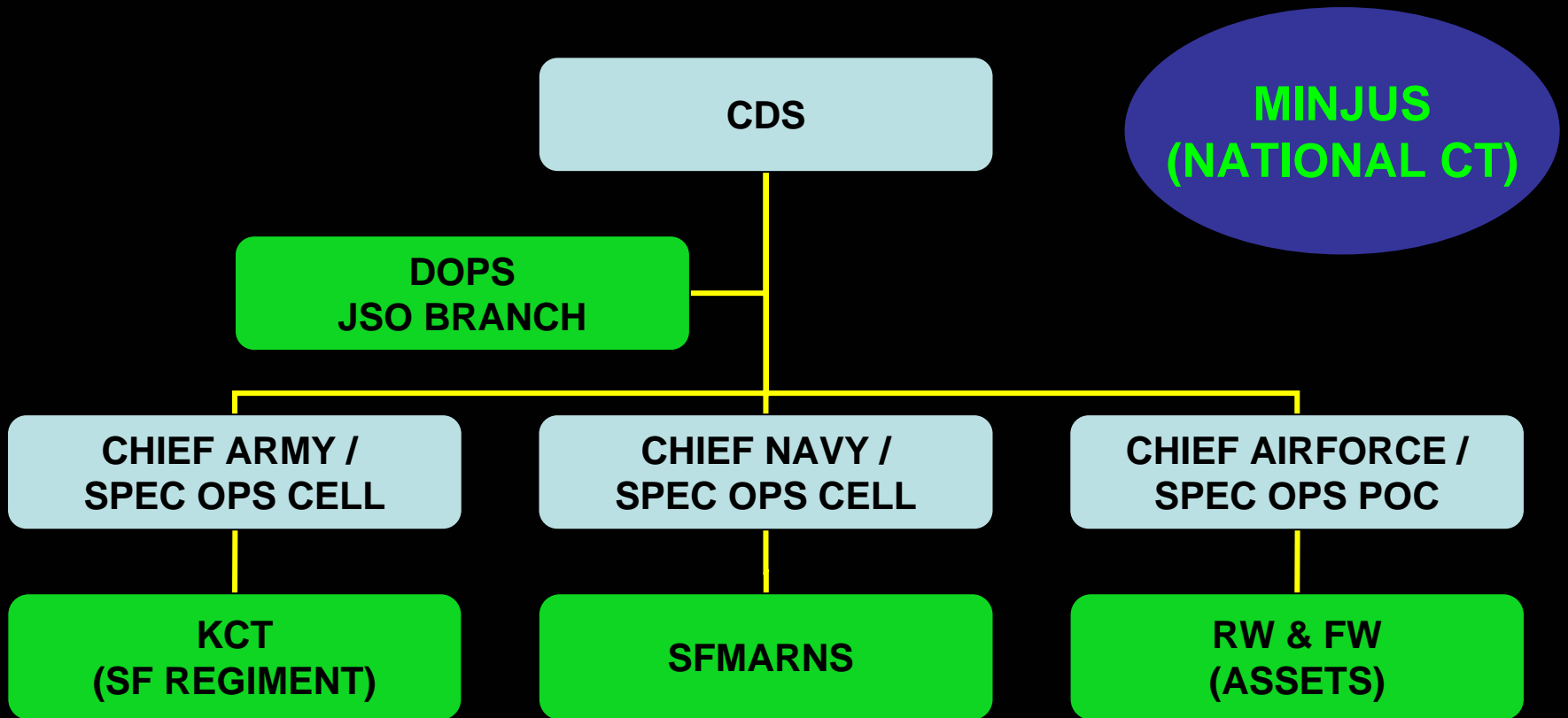
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DEFENCE STAFF ORGANISATION



NLD SPECIAL OPERATION FORCES



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TASKING

- MC 437/1: SR / DA / MA / CA
- ARMY SF REGT
 - FOCUS: LANDOPS / HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT
- SFMARNNS
 - FOCUS: MARITIME OPS
 - NATIONAL CT
- MISSIONS: JOINT / COMPLEMENTARY



SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE



DIRECT ACTION



MILITARY ASSISTANCE



(MARITIME) COUNTER TERRORISM



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SOME OF OUR OPERATIONS

- BALKAN 1993-2004
- OEF 2002-2006
- SFIR 2003-2005
- ISAF 2006-2010 TBC
- PERSIAN GULF CTF HOA 2003-2004
- FLT & FP NLD PRT, AFG 2004
- NL SOTG NRF 6 2006
- NEO'S



LESSONS IDENTIFIED OEF & ISAF



- SOF UNDER SOCCE FOR MAX EFFECT
- THINK OUT OF THE BOX, BE UNPREDICTABLE
- ACTION INTELLIGENCE, BE SMART
- EVERY SOLDIER RIFLEMAN
- COUNTER IED
- GROUND MOBILITY
- RW, FW & UAV SUPPORT
- GROUND-AIR COORDINATION
- NEED FOR UNITY OF EFFORT IN IO CAMPAIGN



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TRENDS


- TRAIN & DEPLOY WITH PARTNERS
- INTELL SHARING IS IMPROVING
- SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS
- INVOLVEMENT OTHER AGENCIES & NGO'S
- JOINT & COMBINED DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT (MOBILITY / C4I)



NLD REQUIREMENTS & INTENTS

- KEEP EXPERIENCED OPERATORS IN
- PREVENTIVE SF DEPLOYMENTS IN AFRICA
- JOINT SPECOPS DOCTRINE
- SF VISION DOCUMENT FOR 2020
- JOINT SOF COMMAND (?)





**Many people, especially academics and intellectuals,
have a distrust of units like Special Forces**

R. Kaplan, *Hog pilots, blue water grunts*, p. 378



Is he right?