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EXERCISE SCENARIO

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Agenda

Setting vs Scenario

Scenario Modules

Cerasia Scenario

Skolkan Scenario
- Setting is mainly geographic (including simulation terrain data) and demographic information, and may include also OPFOR ORBAT.

- Setting should support the vision of the strategic commands for the exercises for several years.

- Preparation of a new setting is more costly and time consuming.

- It must allow the development of exercise scenarios based on exercise and training objectives.
Scenario Modules

- Geo-strategic situation (before Ph 3.1)

- Theatre of operations (before MPC in draft EXPLAN)
  - Static information about the region to support strategic assessment and operational planning, as well as map dataset

- Strategic initiation module (in draft EXPLAN)
  - (CONOP and OPLAN of HICON)

- Crises response planning information (in Ph 3.2)
  - Updated information about the international and regional situation, as well as MEL/MIL for Ph 3.2

- Force activation and deployment (in Ph 3.2)
  - National and strategic force generation, activation and deployment information required for OPP

- Execution information (before Ph 3.3)
  - MEL/MIL
Recent Settings

- Atlantis
- Mada
- Zoran Sea
- Ceresai 1
- Ceresai 2
- Skolkan 1, 2, 1.5, 3
- Soratan
- Missionland (MSG-071)
- Bogaland (Viking exercises)
Typical Geo Products for a Setting

Softcopy Geospatial Data
- Vector data and Raster data available for main Functional Systems (FS's)

Hardcopy maps include:
- ONC (1:1 000 000)
- TPC (1:500 000)
- JOG (1:250 000 - limited coverage)
- Y629 (1:100 000 - limited coverage)
- General Briefing Map
- Airspace Chart
- Nautical Charts
- Port and Town Plans
- High Resolution Imagery
Until 2011, Steadfast exercise scenarios are based upon a NATO CRO that takes place beyond NATO’s AOR using the NRF/CJTF concept.

The setting is the eastern part of the fictitious continent of Cerasia (in the area known as the horn of Cerasia), situated approximately 5000 Km South-east of Europe.
The crisis region is composed with a semi-fictional group of countries: Tytan, Kamon, Lakuta, Petraceros and Stellaria.

- Real countries are only NATO countries.
History

Ethnic factor:

- East Cerasia is home to three major ethnic groups:
  - Klorids to the northeast,
  - Melaks to the south,
  - Santhis along the coastal areas and the Restilina Peninsula.

- Kamon, is 73% Klorid, Southern Kamon is home to most of the Melak minority (17%).

- Tytan, which is 60% Klorid and 15% Melak, does not have a history of ethnic conflict and ethnic tensions remain minimal.
History

Religious factor:

- KAMON: majority of Kamins
- PETRACEROS: majority of Kamins
- STELLARIA: majority of Kamins
- LAKUTA: majority of Animists
- TYTAN: majority of Christians and Muslims
Major Actors:

KAMON

- A state with a long history of conflict between deeply divided ethnic/religious groupings.

- An authoritarian government highly corrupted gaining power from oil seeks to expand influence, unify tribal areas, control water and natural resources and limit western influence.

- A massive humanitarian disaster brought about by government supported militia inflicting atrocities against oppressed minorities including ethnic cleansing, pillage and rape.
History

Major Actors:

- **Tytan**
  - A weak country with ineffective governance, and widespread corruption.
  - Unable to secure its borders with Kamon.
  - Severe drought and food shortages.
  - Totally dependant on International community.
Major Actors:

Stellaria

- A fundamentalist totalitarian state with large military forces, including WMD, dominating SLOCs through Bab el-Mandab.
- Opposes globalisation and western influence in region.
- Provides assistance to Gov of Kamon.
- Covert links with international terrorists cells based in the region.
- Nuclear aspirations depend on Kamon for uranium and Asian powers for technology.
History

Major actors

Lakuta
A fledgling democracy and potentially friendly state. They have provided strong support through the Cerasia Union to the international community effort to restore peace and security to the region.

Petraceros
A chaotic poor battle-weary failed state with no effective central government. There is some evidence that Petraceros has become a regional safe-haven for terrorists.
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