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To: Political and Security Committee (PSC)  
European Union Military Committee (EUMC)  
Subject: EUMC Report to PSC on the Outcome of BGCC 2/19

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The document as a whole is released in view of the EUMC meeting on 04 December 2019.

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### Reference:

- A. EU Battlegroup Concept (doc. ST 13618/06, dated 5 October 2006)

### A. INTRODUCTION

1. On 25 October 2019 Battlegroup Coordination Conference (BGCC) 2/19 was held in accordance with the EU BG Concept (Ref. A).
2. As laid down in Ref. A, after each BGCC the EUMC will report the results together with its evaluation to the PSC.

### B. AIM

3. To provide the PSC with the EUMC report on the outcome of BGCC 2/19 and an overview of the commitments until semester 2025-2.

### C. BGCC 2/19 OUTCOME

4. MS committed in detail the BG packages for the 2020-1, 2020-2 and 2021-1 semesters. OHQs are pre-identified for all the BG packages committed for these semesters. The gap on 2020-1 was filled after the conference by FR who prolonged its ongoing commitment with another six months.

There are gaps in semester 2021-1 which MS are encouraged to fill.

5. MS have committed the following BG packages for the 2021-2, 2022-1, 2022-2 and 2023-1 semesters:
  - IT\* confirmed its commitment as FN for 2021-2.
  - AT\*, HR\*, HU\* and SI\* confirmed their commitments to the IT-led BG 2021-2.
  - There is a gap in semester 2021-2.
  - No BGs are offered for semester 2022-1.
  - ES confirmed its commitment as FN for 2022-2.
  - PT\* confirmed its commitment to the ES-led BG.
  - There is a gap in semester 2022-2.
  - PL confirmed its commitment as FN for 2023-1. CZ\*, HU\* and SK\* confirmed their commitments to the PL-led BG.

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- EL confirmed its commitment as FN for 2023-1.
- BG, CY, Republic of North Macedonia\*, RO, RS\* and UA\* confirmed their commitments to the EL-led BG 2023-1.

MS are encouraged to come up with further offers for the remaining gaps in semester 2021-2, 2022-1 and 2022-2.

6. The following Initial Offers for 2023-2 until 2025-2 were made:

- No BGs are offered for semester 2023-2.
- FR confirmed its commitment as FN for 2024-1. BE\* confirmed its commitment to the FR-led BG.
- There is a gap in semester 2024-1.
- IT\* confirmed its commitment as FN for 2024-2.
- AL confirmed its contribution to the IT\*-led BG 2024-2.
- There is a gap in semester 2024-2.
- DE confirmed its commitment as FN for 2025-1. AT\* and HR\* confirmed their commitments to the DE-led BG.
- PT\* confirmed its commitment as FN for 2025-1.
- DE confirmed its commitment as FN for 2025-2. AT\* and HR\* confirmed their commitments to the DE-led BG.
- There is a gap in semester 2025-2.

MS are encouraged to come up with further offers for the remaining gaps in semester 2023-2, 2024-1, 2024-2 and 2025-2.

7. It was agreed by EL and DE that the enclosed unclassified training, exercise and certification overview of the BG packages for 2020-1 and 2020-2 can be made public. It will be distributed together with the BG roster commitments and initial offers up to and including the second semester of 2025 as an unclassified document.

### D. CURRENT AND NEXT STANDBY PHASE COMMITMENTS

8. Currently the PL and FR BG's, including necessary enablers, are on standby. They are associated with the PL and FR OHQ's respectively as preferred options.

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9. For the next semester (starting 01 January 2020) the EL-led BG is on standby. It is associated with the EL OHQ as preferred options. The second EU BG this semester is provided by FR by prolonging the ongoing commitment for another six months. The details of the EL BG package are included as an annex to this document. The Force Commander for the EL BG will present the state of readiness to the PSC and EUMC in December 2019.

### E. Next BGCC

10. The next BGCC is scheduled for the 17 April 2020 (TBD).

### F. CONCLUSIONS

11. The EUMC confirms the fulfilment of six of the required eight detailed commitments from 2019-2 up to and including the first semester of 2021. OHQs are pre-identified for all the BG packages committed for these periods. The consequences of the vacancies 2021-1 will have to be assessed at political level in order to determine how to maintain the EU level of ambition and preserve the credibility of the BG Concept. In BG Package Commitments, there are gaps with one BG in semester 2021-2, two BGs in semester 2022-1 and one BG in semester 2022-2. Several gaps also remain for initial offers from 2023-2 to 2025-2. Given the preparation time required for BG Commitments there is still time for MS to fill these gaps. However, the result of BG Coordination Conference 2/19 and the FR prolonged commitment provides the EU with two EU BGs on stand-by up to and including second semester of 2020 and nine EU BGs for the period 2021-2 to 2025-2.
12. Additional initial offers and commitments would be warmly welcomed prior to the next BGCC in April 2020 in order to enable early coordination.
13. The BG roster of the commitments and initial offers up to and including the second semester of 2025 will be distributed as an unclassified stand-alone paper to the AL, CH, ME, Republic of North Macedonia, NO, RS, TR and UA missions to the EU.

### G. RECOMMENDATION

14. The EUMC recommends that the PSC notes this report.

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### Annexes:

A. Briefing: EL Briefing BGCC 25 October 2019 (2020-1)

B. Briefing: DE Briefing BGCC 25 October 2019 (2020-2)

Enclosures: (Unclassified Document - (EEAS(2019) 1150 ADD 1 REV 1)

Enclosure 1: BG offers and commitments as of 06 December 2019

Enclosure 2: Training and certification programmes for EL and DE BGs (2020-1 & 2020-2)

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2020-I

**HELBROC BG (EL-BG-RO-CY-UA-RS)**

BG POC: LtC (EL A) Vasileios ILIADIS

BGCC-III/19 24 Oct 2019

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### BG package characteristics

- Timeslot: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- POC: LtC (EL A) Vasileios ILIADIS
- Contributing MS: EL - BG - RO - CY
- Contributing TS: UA - RS
- Indicative OHQ co-operation: EL EU OHQ, Larissa, Hellas
- (F)HQ: Provided by Hellas (71<sup>st</sup> A/M BDE)

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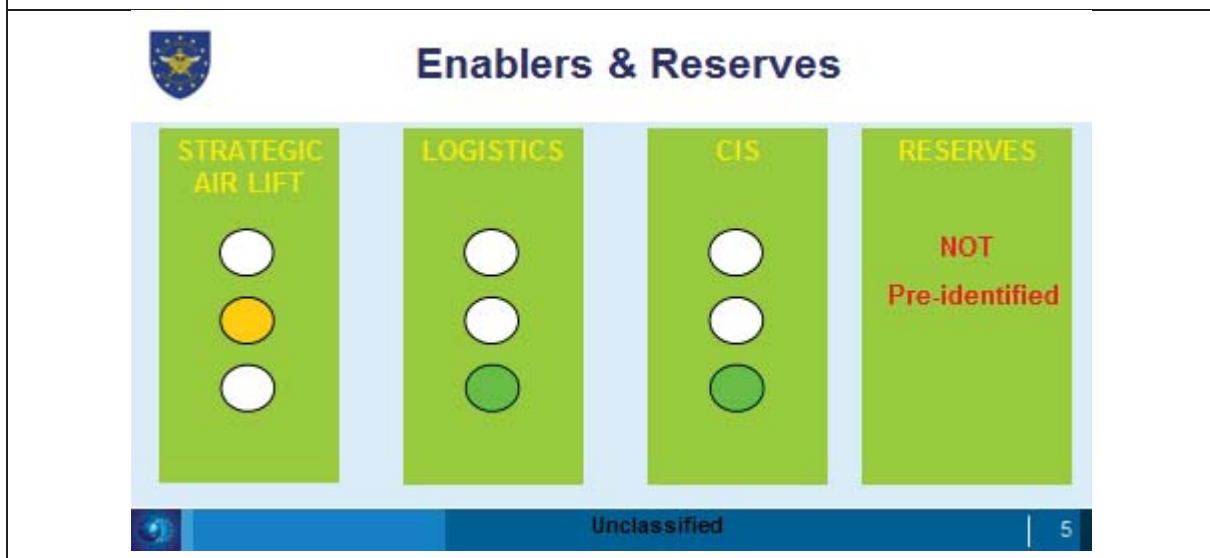
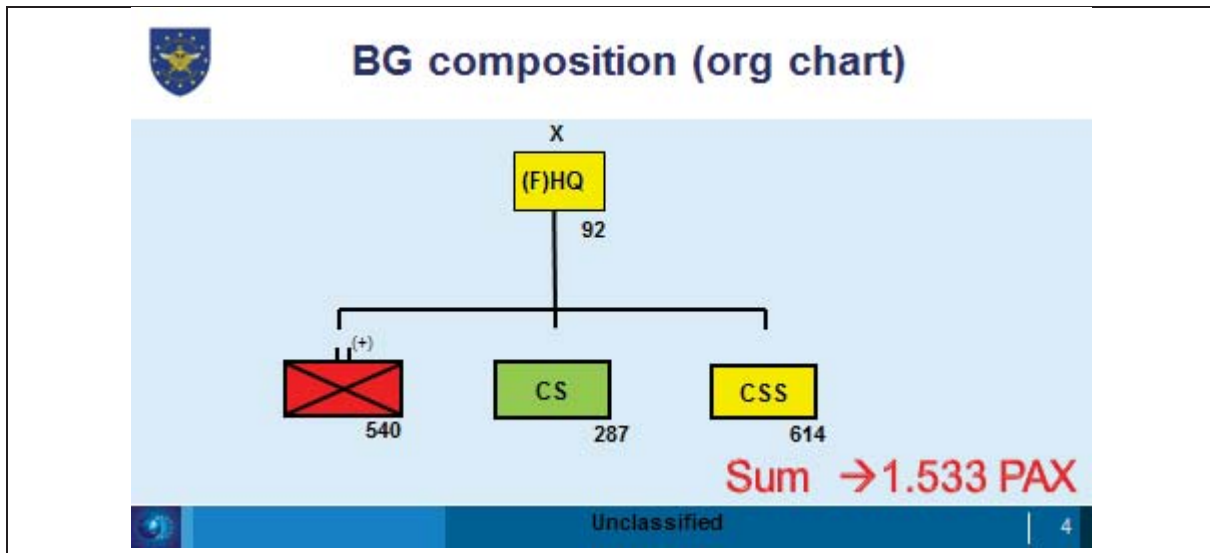
### National caveats

- **Possible missions: No caveats according to BG Concept Missions**
- Capabilities:
- Readiness postures:
- Command & Control:
- Area of operations:
- Deployment: Combined (national, international, commercial assets)
- Other: NIL

Caveats are strictly related to mission and AOO

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## Training & certification programme

| TRAINING / EXERCISE            | DATE                 | LOCATION                          | UNITS  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| PSOs OFFICERS' COURSES         | JAN - SEP 19         | MP SOTC<br>HELLAS                 | (F)HQ SOs (KEY NUCLEUS)                                |
| OPERATIONAL PLANNING EXERCISES | MAR 19<br>JUN 19     | N. SANTA KILKIS<br>HELLAS         | EL EU OHQ - (F)HQ SOs                                  |
| KLs                            | APRIL 19             | KILKIS,<br>HELLAS                 | (F)HQ SOs (KEY NUCLEUS & AUGMENTEES), UNITS' PERSONNEL |
| CPX "GORDIAN KNOT-19"          | 25 JUN-<br>05 JUL 19 | IVO THESSALONIKI                  | (F)HQ SOs (KEY NUCLEUS)                                |
| WORK UP STAFF TRAINING         | 13-14 NOV 19         | ARGIROUPOLI,<br>KILKIS,<br>HELLAS | (F)HQ PERSONNEL  |
| CPX "MILEX-19"                 | 04-15 NOV 19         |                                   |  |
| CPX "TALOS-19" & FTX-LIVEX     | 13-22 NOV 19         |                                   |  |
|                                |                      |                                   | (F)HQ, CIS COY, HQ SPT COY                             |

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## Training & certification programme

| Certification event            | Date           | Location                 | Units                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| UNITS' CERTIFICATION EXERCISES | APR - JUNE 19  | GREECE                   | GREEK UNITS            |
|                                | 29 MAY 19      | BULGARIA                 | BULGARIAN COY          |
|                                | 27 JUN 19      | ROMANIA                  | ROMANIAN PLATOONS      |
|                                | 03 JUL 19      | SERBIA                   | SERBIAN PLATOONS       |
|                                | 10 JUL 19      | UKRAINE                  | UKRAINIAN COY          |
|                                | 3 SEP 19       | CYPRUS                   | CYPRIOI PLATOONS       |
| CPX "TALOS-19"                 | 13 - 22 NOV 19 | N. SANTA , KILKIS GREECE | (F)HQ, CIS COY, HQ COY |

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## Certification state of play

- According to schedule
- HELBROC BG COM monitoring Units' evaluation
- (F)HQ, HQ Spt Coy, CIS Coy, during CPX "TALOS-19" (13-22 Nov 19)
- DV-Day: 22 Nov 19

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## Lessons identified

- NIL

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## Co-ordination requirements

- **Strategic Lift always the critical point (advance planning-identification of enablers, etc)**
- **Coordination & cooperation between MS concerning logistic issues**



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## Other issues

- **DVDay during CPX “TALOS-19” (22 Nov 19)**



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**Thank you!**

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**(DE, AT, CZ, FI, HR, IE, LV, NL, SE)**  
**Update on preparations**


BGCC-2/19 15/10/2019 LTC (GS) Schlegel


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 **Agenda**

- Concept & Force Generation
- Status MOU and TAs
- Exercise/Training Schedule
- Outstanding Issues

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 **Concept & Force Generation**

- Stand-by: 1 July to 31 December 2020
- Preferred OHQ: MN JHQ Ulm 
- (F)HQ: Rapid Response Force Division (DE) 
- POC--TCNs: DE--AT-CZ-FI-HR-IE-LV-NL-SE (9)



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### Concept & Force Generation

EU BG 2020-2  
~ 4.100 troops

The diagram illustrates the organizational structure for the EU Battle Group 2020-2. At the top is the OHQ (Operational Headquarters), followed by (F)HQ (Force Headquarters). Below these are several branches representing different functional areas, each with its own set of units. The units are represented by boxes with various symbols and flags. At the bottom of the chart, there is a row of flags representing the contributing countries: Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Sweden.


### Core BG as mn AMTF

The diagram shows the core structure of the Battle Group as a multi-national Air Mobile Task Force (mn AMTF). It features six main units labeled S1 through S6, each with a list of contributing countries and their respective units. S1 includes units from Germany, Denmark, and Belgium. S2 includes units from Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. S3 includes units from Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. S4 includes units from Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. S5 includes units from Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. S6 includes units from Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Additionally, there are LNO's (Liaison Officers) for each unit. To the right of the chart are several images: a fighter jet, a helicopter, and soldiers in various settings.

### Integrated CS and CSS

The diagram illustrates the integrated structure for Combat Service Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS). It shows a hierarchy of units, including a Combat Service Support unit, a Camp Command unit, and various support units. The units are represented by boxes with various symbols and flags. At the bottom of the chart, there is a row of flags representing the contributing countries: Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Sweden. To the right of the chart are several images: a large military truck, a smaller truck, a tractor, and soldiers in various settings.





 **Status MoU / TAs**

**MOU finalized / in effect**  
 > SE requested to join NoJ

**TA “Cooperation” finalized**

**TA “Exercise” currently not necessary**



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 **Exercise/Training Schedule**







**2018** | IV


**2019** | I | II | III | IV

**2020** | I | II | III | IV

Stand-by EU BG

 **Outstanding Issues**

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|---|--|--|--|
| <p><b>STRATEGIC LIFT</b></p> <p></p> | <p><b>LOGISTICS</b></p> <p></p> | <p><b>CIS</b></p> <p></p> | <p><b>RESERVES</b></p> <p>Not Pre-identified</p> |
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