

# Armed Forces and Security Forces Assistance during Major Nationally or Regionally Hosted Events

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# Impetus for Armed Forces Involvement

- Changing Global Environment
- Armed Forces Participation – not only desirable but critical to the hosting of any major event.
  - Planning
  - Logistics
  - Assets
  - Command & Control
- Event will be remembered for the organisation and quality unless there is an incident...then it will be remembered for the incident.

# Major Events

- Major Events
  - International Sporting Events
  - Summits
  - Mass Gatherings
- Common Threats
  - Terrorism
  - Local and Trans-national Crime
  - Protesters and other Disruptive Influences

# Major Events

- Collective Response
  - Intelligence Sharing
  - Security and Armed Forces Cooperation
  - Interagency Cooperation
  - Information and Expertise Sharing
- Community of Major Event Experts
- Creates Legacy Systems and Structures

# Major Event Resources

- UNICRI International Permanent Observatory on Major Event Security
  - List of Experts
  - Planning Guide
  - IPO Toolkit and Security planning model
- Interpol
  - Incident Response Team (IRT)
  - Interpol Major Event Support Team (IMEST)
  - Global Interpol Expert Database (GIED)
- Regional Resources
- Participating Nations Resources

# Considerations for Armed Forces Assistance

- Visiting Forces Legislation (police/military)
- Rules for Participation – Domestic legislation which supports Treaties, Agreements and MOU's
- Rules of Engagement
- Humanitarian, Legal and Cultural Awareness Training

# Command and Control

- Who's in Charge? – Needs to be clear
- Political vs Operational Imperatives
  - What is at stake?
  - Who does the decision affect?
- National vs Regional Imperatives
  - Multi-National Incident
  - Quality of Response
  - Host Nation Primacy

# Conclusion

- The Global Security Environment requires the participation of Armed Forces and Security Forces assistance in Major Events
- The Cooperation of the Armed and Security Forces of the other participating states needs to be incorporated early in the process
- There is a developed community of persons with expertise in Major Event Security
- A National Multi-Agency approach is critical to success
- Build in the Legacy benefits while planning for the event

Questions?