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BMATT (CZ) INFORMATION NOTE

Background. BMATT (CZ) delivers an important part of the UK's Security Co-operation Programme by promoting military cooperation and understanding, building trust, assisting with the development of professional and efficient armed forces under civil democratic control and by increasing the capabilities of partner countries to participate in multinational Peace Support Operations (PSO). The BMATT has been established at Vyškov in the Czech Republic (CZ) since August 2000. The Vojenská Akademie Vyškov provides considerable administrative and logistical support, including access to training resources and local training areas.

Mission. "To provide military training courses, training assistance and advice to partner countries¹, in order to further develop their professional armed forces and their capabilities to participate in multinational PSO".

The Team. This BMATT comprises personnel from the Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force Regiment, all of whom have extensive training and recent PSO experience. CZ provides a Liaison Officer, Logistics Warrant Officer and, since Jan 09, four permanent training staff. The Team works closely with UK Defence Attachés and the Armed Forces of partner countries.

Output. The BMATT trains some 600+ Officer, Warrant Officer and Sergeant instructors annually at its base in Vyškov and by In Country Training Teams (ICTTs). This is multinational training, delivered in English, typically to courses of 30 students from 13-17 countries. Additionally, throughout the year, BMATT deploys ICTTs to individual partner countries to deliver bespoke training and advice, usually through interpreters. Training of PSO instructors and assistance with sub-unit/unit operational pre-deployment training is now the major focus of this ICTT activity.

Training Philosophy and Principles. 'Training the Trainer' is the guiding philosophy behind the activities of BMATT (CZ). The intended cascade effect is for partner countries to build an indigenous, self-sustaining military training capability. Key principles of BMATT (CZ) training and assistance are:

- Sharing British Military ethos.
- Developing the key characteristics of leadership, in particular responsibility, professional integrity and mutual respect.
- Developing a partnership that promotes national ownership of training.
- Taking a long-term perspective - this is appropriate for defence reform.
- Where possible, maintaining contact with graduates of BMATT (CZ) training and providing them with subsequent support.

Students. Selection of the right students to attend training courses at Vyskov, and their subsequent employment in appropriate posts, is critical to the effect that BMATT (CZ) achieves. In

¹ Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tunisia (yet to engage), Ukraine.

addition, the success of ICTT tasks relies heavily upon host nations making available their BMATT graduates to assist ICTTs. Full engagement of UK Defence Attachés in all these matters is essential.

Courses at Vyškov.

- **Senior Officer Briefing (SOB)**
 - Aim - to brief senior military delegations from individual Partner Countries on the multinational training courses conducted at Vyskov and on the range of bilateral assistance and advice that BMATT provides via its In-Country Training Teams, in order to further develop BMATT engagement with each Partner Country.
 - 7-10 briefings per year.
 - Duration: 1½ days.
 - Maximum course loading: 8 personnel.

- **Junior Commander Leadership Course (JCLC)**
 - Aim - to develop the command and leadership skills of Junior Commanders.
 - Two courses per year.
 - Duration: 4 weeks.
 - Maximum course loading: 30 students.

- **Instructor Training Course (ITC)**
 - Aim - to 'Train the Trainer', employing UK instructional techniques and methods of instruction.
 - One course per year.
 - Duration: 6 weeks.
 - Maximum course loading: 30 students.

- **Multinational Peace Support Operations Instructor Training Course (MPSO ITC)**
 - Aim - to train officers and SNCOs to plan, conduct and supervise PSO training in their own countries.
 - Three courses per year.
 - Duration: 6 weeks.
 - Maximum course loading: 30 students

- **Peace Support Operations Planning Course (PSO PC)**
 - Aim - to give officers selected for key appointments at Battalion/ Brigade level, or within higher national or multinational PSO HQs, the functional knowledge and understanding of integrated staff procedures that they will need in order to be immediately effective in a PSO mission environment.
 - One course per year.
 - UK Land Warfare Centre led.
 - Duration: 1 week.
 - Maximum course loading: 30 students.

- **Design and Evaluation of Peace Support Operations Training Course (D&E PSO TC)**
 - Aim - to teach the UK's systematic approach to the design and evaluation of PSO training.
 - Two courses per year.
 - Duration: 2 weeks.
 - Maximum course loading: 30 students.

- Operational Shooting Course (OSC)
 - Aim - to produce a competent Officer with the necessary techniques and knowledge to ensure a unit is trained to a standard where it has the ability to shoot effectively on operations.
 - Duration: 4 weeks.
 - The rank range will be Sgt to Maj. The course will cater for those who organise and supervise live firing in their own units, for example Unit Training Officers.
 - Maximum course loading 20 students.