ISR RTP Staff Exercise - Background Brief
Overall security situation

1. Garland is a landlocked country on the Eighth Continent. The country is bordered by Northland to the north, Eastland to the east, Southland to the south, and Westland to the west. The capital, Garville, is situated on the centre of the country.

2. In mid-July 2019, the security situation in Garland began to deteriorate. This deterioration was exacerbated by the increase in activities of the Eriyan National Liberation Front (ENLF) in the southeast region of the country and extremist activities in the northeast, mainly close to the border with Eastland.

3. Reports indicated that the humanitarian ceasefire in place between the Government of Garland and ENLF was not holding. This prompted regional and international concern that the Garland Armed Forces (GAF) would seek a definitive military solution to the issue. Furthermore, this patchwork of ceasefires without any overarching political settlement was judged to be a risk factor for the country's stability, for human rights, and for the protection of civilians in conflict-affected areas.

4. The main security-related incidents in the eastern part of Garland were related to harassment of populations within the IDP camps and restrictions of movement for the population and international forces caused by unknown armed groups, and low-intensity clashes and disputes between rival factions (ENLF and the Eriyan

Independence Movement Fighters (EIMF)) over the control of border crossing points and natural resources, mainly mining sites.

5. Criminal activity also remains a source of instability around the country, with the presence of international criminal networks, mainly visible through activities in the northeast province and across the borders with Eastland.

International response

6. **UN Resolution**. By unanimously adopting UNSCR 2399, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) established the United Nations Multidimensional Mission in Garland (UNMMIG) Ch VII mandate in 2017 to support political processes in Garland and to carry out several security-related tasks.

7. **UNMMIG end state**. A democratically elected government with restructured, ethnically represented and accountable security forces able to protect all its citizens and enable peacebuilding activities to continue.

8. **Mission Priorities**. The Mission's priorities are:

a. Protection of UN personnel and facilities.
b. Protection of civilians (POC).
c. Monitoring the ceasefire and disengagement.
d. Support to humanitarians and human rights assistance.

Military Component

9. **Military mission**. The UNMMIG Force should ensure POC, facilitate the creation of a safe and secure environment for the immediate, full and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance, monitor the implementation of the ceasefire arrangements, support the stabilisation of Garland, and ensure safety and security of United Nations personnel and assets.

10. **Tasks**. Sector East (Main Effort)

a. Generate a safe and secure environment with an emphasis on the protection of civilians.
b. Monitor activities of armed groups (specifically ENLF and EIMF).
c. Within capabilities, provide coordinated emergency assistance to humanitarian efforts.

11. **Task organisation**

Unit Type	Number of Units	Unit Size	Total Troops	Remarks	Location
Force HQ	1	60	60		Garville
Support HQ Coy	1	90	90	for FHQ and 2 Sector HQs	Garville, Watiki, Nicada
Sector HQ	2	30	60	staff	Watiki, Nicada

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Infantry Battalion	9	600	5,400	Includes 1 FC Reserve	2 Garville (FC reserve + 1), Watiki, Ashra, Conville, Nicada, Kinea, Byra, Rashiv
Long Range Reconnaissance Unit	2	250	500	Per sector	Watiki, Nicada
Special Forces Company	1	150	150	Per sector	Garville
Engineer Company	2	200	400	Per sector	Watiki, Nicada
Aviation Unit	1	100	100	2 Recce and 6 Attack Helicopters (1 recce 3 Attack per sector)	Watiki, Nicada
Medium utility helicopter units	2	130	260	12 medium-lift transport helicopters Per sector	Watiki, Nicada
Level 3 Hospital	1	90	90		Garville
Level 2 Hospital	2	70	140	Per sector	Watiki, Nicada
Military Police Unit	1	120	120		Byra
Signals Coy	1	125	125	Includes comms for FHQ and 2 Sector HQs	Garville, Watiki, Nicada
Signals Intelligence Unit	1	250	250		Conville
UAV Squadron	4	50	200	3 UAS each	Kinea, Watiki, Nicada, Bira
HPKI Unit	1	150	150		Conville
Logistic Coy	1	150	150		Nicada

Organigrams

Force level

Eastern Sector level

Description of Acquisition Assets

a. **OPCON to FC**

Acquisition Assets	**Capabilities**	**UN Limitations**	**Remarks**	**Location**
3 x UAS Hermes	Max flying time 36 hours with a range of 600km. Service ceiling is 30,000 feet. Day and night flight, and during adverse weather. Full ISR suite, including thermal imaging and radar/ground target indication.	1 in the air, with 1 on notice to move, and one on maintenance at any time.	Sector must request support. Priority to Sector East.	Nicada
3 x UAS Heron 1	Max flying time is 36 hours with a range of 600km. Service ceiling is 24,000 feet. Day and night flight and during adverse weather. Same capabilities as the Hermes but can also collect SPKI.	2 Herons can be in the air at any time, with one undergoing maintenance.	Sector must request support. Priority to Sector East.	Byra
1 x Special Operations Force (SOF) Company	Capable of deploying 3 platoons that can operate section sized patrols more than 200 km from base in all terrain. SOF platoons are self-sustaining and can remain in the field for 10 days. Capabilities include Long Range Reconnaissance, Close Target Reconnaissance, Sniping, and Observation.	Caveat in place that SOF will not conduct patrols at strength of less than one section.	SOF often employed on FC tasks. Sector Commands must request support.	Nicada

6 Medium lift Heli assets (Mi-8)	Photo reconnaissance capability only	Only three airborne at any time.	One Mi8 OPCON to each Sector Comd.	Nicada
HPKI Section	Capabilities include monitoring and screening area, engage human sources in ISP camps and border crossing areas.		Sector must request support. Priority to Sector East.	Conville
IPKI Section	Satellite Imagery Interpretation	Interpreted Imagery arrives 3 days after initial request		Nicada
Gender Affairs Officer	Engagement with Sector Gender Focal points, and Engagement Platoons	Cell comprises of 3 officers	FHQ Staff	Nicada
UN CIMIC Section	Engagement with Humanitarian Agencies, and NGOs	One section	FHQ Staff	Nicada
Engagement and Outreach section	Engagement with local Key Leaders	One Section	FHQ Staff	Nicada

b. **OPCON to Sector HQ**

Acquisition Asset	**Capabilities**	**UN Limitation**	**Remarks**	**Location**
3 x UAS Sparrow	30 km range. Ceiling altitude of 10,000 feet. Duration of flight 4 hours. Can fly by day and night. Difficult to fly in adverse weather conditions. Photo reconnaissance and Infrared capability.	2 operational while one is retained in reserve	OPCON to SHQ	Byra
IPKI Cell	Capable of interpreting UAS photos			Byra
Long Range Reconnaissance Unit	Equipped with 2 light armoured recce platoons, capable of deployments for up to 5 days, operating at distances of more than 200km from base. Each company is also equipped with a short range UAS (range 70 km,	Will not operate below Platoon level.	OPCON to SHQ	Byra

	and max duration of flight at 6 hours, which is primarily used for Force Protection), and ground surveillance radar (again used primarily for FP).			
Ground Holding Units	Each sector has four battalions, each with one short range reconnaissance company with a range of 30-50 km forward of the FOB.	Nil	OPCON to SHQ	Conville
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Other mission / actors of interest

12. **UN Police**. UNMMIG Police, consisting of 1,500 police personnel, including 1,200 Formed Police Units (FPU) personnel and 300 Individual Police Officers (IPO).

13. **INGOs/NGOs and UN Agencies**. There are several UN agencies operating in Garland, many of whom have been present in the country for a significant period. Most of the UN agencies are dual-mandated and carry out development and humanitarian assistance. There are more than 50 INGOs and national NGOs operational in Garland and they have varying mandates, funding sources, areas of operation and operational modalities. The main concern is to facilitate a free and safe access of the humanitarian agencies to the population.