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From 2 to 3 March 2012, Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) hosted the Legal Seminar as another preparation event on the way to Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise. This time the legal framework of HQ MNC NE operations was in focus.

Beyond HQ legal personnel, representatives of the Command Support Brigade, Danish 2nd Brigade, Polish 3 Brigade, Polish Military Police Special Unit and a representative of Slovenian Armed Forces took part in the Seminar. The overall aim was to familiarize the participants with legal framework conditions of the upcoming Crystal Eagle exercise, especially with the United Nations resolutions and Rules of Engagement. To enable that, HQ legal advisers and guest speakers gave several briefings and presentations. Among them were Mr Ganschow from the German Special Operations Division, CDR Gozdiewicz from the Joint Force Training Centre and Mr Katze, a former HQ MNC NE legal adviser, currently from the German Joint Command Special Operations.

Not only did the seminar participants receive updated information on general legal framework of Crisis Response Operations and High Intensity Warfighting, but also learned about specific legal conditions of the Aurigan Forces, the fictitious forces conducting an operation in Auriga, in accordance with the scenario of the Crystal Eagle exercise. Other topics referred to among other things targeting and detention. Moreover, two case studies of legal standing were

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presented for discussions.

This Legal Seminar fits into a series of training events on the way to Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise. Even though the last big preparation exercise – Little Eagle 2012 was successfully accomplished in February 2012, there is still a need for final refinement of exercise concepts and coordination of efforts of both – HQ staff and the Training Audience – in their respective areas of expertise.

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