



**The 47th Corps Committee Meetings held in Copenhagen from 29 to 30 August 2012 brought yet another consolidation of common efforts concerning the future of Multinational Corps Northeast.**

Similarly to the last Corps Committee Meetings concluded in 2012, the Danish Colonel Per Knudsen held the Chairmanship. He was assisted by his Secretary, Major Frank Lyth, and a Co-Secretary, Captain Michael Aakjær. The Polish side was represented by the Co-Chairman Colonel Robert Konopka and the Secretary – Lieutenant Colonel Sławomir Warmbier, whereas Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang Kuhl, the German Secretary, was acting on behalf of the German side.

The majority of topics raised during the 47th Corps Committee Meeting were in fact the continuation of issues already initiated during previous meetings, and they were either further developed or resolved.

The Corps Committee members highly appreciated the intensity of the Corps' activeness in

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various areas. As a matter of fact, the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff underlined an extremely busy calendar for the Corps' staff for the upcoming two years and this was received with full comprehension of the Corps Committee members.

The first draft of an important guideline and a key reference document for the future of the Corps, 'Vision 2018', has been discussed and the Corps Committee members would express their first opinions and comments in the nearest future after the national internal coordination procedures have been followed. However, the document can only be completed, and hereinafter approved, after some definite decisions have been taken concerning the reform of the NATO Command Structure. The ongoing structure review was one of the topics further developed and the Corps Committee members positively welcomed the results of the work done in this area. One of the issues on the agenda was also the implementation of the NATO Secret Network into HQ MNC NE and the implications involved. As usual, the Corps Committee members were briefed about already conducted and planned visits to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast, Training & Exercise Calendar and other vital Corps' undertakings. The Corps Committee members also learned about introducing a common beret for all MNC NE service members, based on previous decisions made by the Corps Committee members authorized by the respective states.

In overall, the discussions and conclusions during this Corps Committee Meeting proved that both the Corps' representatives and the Corps' supervisory body, the Corps Committee, agree on the common way ahead and the direction of the Corps' development.

The next Corps Committee Meeting will take place in Szczecin in December and will assume the form of a Plenary with an active involvement of all Corps' states, both the Framework Nations and Participating States.

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