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On 19 and 20 January 2011, Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) conducted the Main Planning Conference for the Little Eagle I Exercise coming in March this year. Representatives from the Command Group and all Staff Divisions were present as well as guests from Headquarters Command Support Brigade and its subordinate battalions.

The Little Eagle I Exercise will be the first internal exercise after the re-deployment of the MNC NE personnel from Afghanistan in August 2010. It will be dedicated to train basic staff processes, integrate the newcomers and to share experience and knowledge gathered during the mission in Kabul. Over the year 2011 more exercises will follow to intensify the internal training on the Corps' way to the next multinational highlight in 2012 – the Crystal Eagle Exercise.

During the conference several syndicates and working groups coordinated and synchronized their planning efforts. The tasks covered a wide range of topics, starting with the support concept with proposals for messing and accommodation, through the exercise computer networks down to the scenario and events which will be trained. At the end of the Main Planning Conference, most of the results the respective working groups reached so far were discussed and approved.

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All participants were deeply satisfied with the outcome of this planning conference despite the fact there is still a lot of work to do until the exercise takes place in Baltic Barracks.