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On 5 June 2012, delegation of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast visited the Defence Staff of the Hungarian Armed Forces in Budapest.

The working level visit has been organized as the result of the mutual intent to initiate cooperation between HQ MNC NE and Hungarian Armed Forces. The HQ MNC NE expert team consisting of representatives from the Policy Branch, Personnel Division and Legal Advisor met their counterparts in order to present and discuss possible areas of that cooperation.

During the meeting Hungarian hosts had an opportunity to familiarize with the Corps. Chief of the Policy Branch Lieutenant Colonel Volker Quante provided the presentation describing history, mission, and tasks of MNC NE. However, the main focus in the presentation as well as in the follow on discussion has been put on the development and future challenges of the HQ MNC NE. The HQ MNC NE delegation provided a comprehensive overview of the benefits coming from the cooperation with the Corps and explained the uniqueness of the MNC NE. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Quante presented slides with the main training and exercise activities for the next two years. Representative of the Personnel Division briefed all participants on the structure review process and current status of the manning, whereas legal advisor

explained how to join the HQ and how to affiliate the troops. In return, Colonel Tibor Jancsek, Chief Force Development and Transformation Branch in the Force Planning Directorate (J-5) provided a briefing about capabilities and transformation of the Hungarian Armed Forces.

The meeting in Budapest was the first step on the way to further, closer contacts between HQ MNC NE and Hungarian Armed Forces.