Swedish delegation from the Land Forces Command paid a visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) on 14 June 2012 to discuss areas of possible cooperation in the sphere of training.

‘It were the capabilities that you have for staff training and I think you seem to have the same approach to staff training that we have,’ – with these words Major Hans Allenberg from the Swedish delegation explained the background of Swedish interest in Multinational Corps Northeast.

‘We have had a lot of good talks today, a lot of good briefings and it has born a lot of ideas within the team for future cooperation, in which form we can conduct exercises and training together, for example the Crystal Eagle 13 which is – as we understand – focused on Afghanistan scenario. Since Sweden is participating in Regional Command North, it would be interesting for your team to have the Swedish team in that exercise,’ Major Allenberg said. Another sphere of possible mutual training support indicated by the Swedish delegation was a series of Swedish exercises codenamed ‘Viking’. The Swedish delegation stressed that definite decisions and details shall be decided on by proper authorities back in Sweden. Nevertheless, with the visit to the Headquarters in Szczecin, the cooperation between Sweden and

Multinational Corps Northeast has just been initiated. *‘All our expectations have actually been lived up to,’* admitted the Swedish delegation and expressed their content with the visit and hospitality of the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff as well as the G5 Staff Division taking care of the visit to Baltic Barracks.

Multinational Corps Northeast treats multinational composition of the Corps as well as contributions of different countries to MNC NE exercises as a priority. Only in January 2012, the Corps has welcomed a new member state in the family – Croatia. Now, the cooperation with Sweden, although not a member of the Corps, has been given momentum and, for certain, will be a fruitful source of valuable experiences for both sides.

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