



The Corps Committee (CC) is a Supervising Authority of the Corps and a kind of multinational coordination forum for the Corps in times of peace, crisis and war. The Committee advises the Framework Nations – Denmark, Germany and Poland – through the appropriate channels on legal, financial and other issues concerning the Corps. The Corps Committee also supervises and gives advice to the Corps Commander in all areas that NATO or national authorities do not deal with. This includes planning, preparation and execution of the Corps' tasks and missions, but also common training exercises, organisation and logistics.

The Corps Committee is composed of representatives of Denmark, Germany and Poland acting on behalf of their Army Chiefs of Staff (or equivalent). There is always a chairman of the Corps Committee, two co-chairmen and their secretaries. The chairmanship rotates on an annual basis between the Framework Nations. During the last Corps Committee Meeting, which took place in August 2012 in Copenhagen, a Dane, Colonel Per Knudsen, acted as the Chairman, whereas a Pole, Colonel Robert Konopka, served as the Co-Chairman of the Committee and Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang Kuhl, the German Secretary, represented the German side.

Since the Corps Committee decides on the most important Corps-related issues, the Corps Commander is also invited to attend the meetings, as are other Corps representatives.

The work of the Corps Committee is supported by multinational sub-working groups providing expert opinions on given issues.

The course of the meeting is usually divided into three main parts; in the first part the members of the Corps Committee meet with the Corps Command Group and other Corps representatives in order to be updated on the Corps' matters. In the second part of the session, the discussion takes place without the presence of the Command Group – only ACOS G5 as the Corps representative to the CC is in attendance. During the last part, the final agreements are presented to the Command Group.

This picture was taken in August 2012 during the 47th Corps Committee Meeting. In the picture (from the left): Captain Michael Aakjær, the Danish Co-Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Sławomir Warmbier, the Polish Secretary, Major Frank Lyth, the Danish Secretary, Colonel Robert Konopka, the Polish Co-Chairman, Colonel Per Knudsen, the Danish Chairman, and Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang Kuhl, the German Secretary.

The next Corps Committee Meeting will be held in Szczecin in December 2012.

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