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**STANDARDIZATION TASK FOR COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE STANDARD -
ALLOCATION OF STUDY NUMBER AND DETAILED TASKING**

Reference:

NSO(ARMY)0665(2021)LSB, Draft ST for Combat Reconnaissance (CBTREC) EOS Report, dated 17 June 2021

1. With the above Reference, the MCLSB approved the Standardization Task (see Enclosure) for a combat reconnaissance standard. The Land Operations Working Group (LOWG) is tasked, by this letter to develop the standardization documents in accordance with AAP-03
2. NSO allocated the following STUDY numbers, long and short titles to the STANAGs and covered APs:

**STUDY 2650 - EDITION 1, COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE -
ATP-XXX, EDITION A, VERSION 1**

3. The custodianship of these documents remains unallocated. The LOWG is requested to engage with national representatives at a next WG meeting to identify a custodian and to propose the numbering of this publication.

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Enclosure:

I Standardization Task

STANDARDIZATION TASK

1. Reference Number: NSO(ARMY)0671(2021)/LSB	2. Date: 17 June 2021
3. Tasking Authority (TA)/Delegated Tasking Authority (DTA): MCLSB.	
4. Subject: Combat Reconnaissance (CBTREC).	
<p>5. Standardization Need and Impact on Interoperability: During the crosscheck of ACO Advance Plans during Step 2 of the NATO Defence Planning Process (NDPP), it was found that these plans contained explicit requirements for Combat Reconnaissance (CBTREC) elements at Corps, Division and Brigade levels. Thusly, within the NDPP 2018-2022 cycle, explicit requirements were developed and apportioned to member states for CBTREC/Heavy/Medium/Light Battalions (CBTREC-H/M/L-BN) at the Division and Brigade levels and CBTREC Reconnaissance Brigades (CBTREC-BDE) at the Corps-level. Additionally, requirements were developed for CBTREC BDE HQ structures.</p> <p>This new capability is intended to operate at the higher formation level, directly subordinated to NATO formations, and therefore national doctrines, in the few cases where it exists, cannot be relied upon.</p> <p>Despite many references to land reconnaissance in ATP 3.2.1, there is no consolidated doctrine available to describe combat reconnaissance (CBTREC) structures, tactics, techniques and procedures to inform ACO, ACT/Defence Planning, and member states.</p> <p>Appropriate doctrine would clarify the required structures, capabilities, tactics, techniques and procedures in order to support member states in developing these forces and guidance on their employment.</p>	
6. Urgency: This standard should be completed by Q4 2022.	
7. Fast Track Procedure: N/A.	
<p>9. Proposed Standardization Solution: An ATP comprising a general concept of employment and suitable tasks for formation-level combat reconnaissance including: formation structures, command and control procedures- relationships and allocation of CBTREC reconnaissance forces to subordinate formations, operating concept for the CBTREC formations, enabling the collection of imagery, data, information and intelligence as appropriate to meet information requirements contributing to the Joint Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield including the employment of surveillance and target acquisition means and integrating into ISTAR systems; procedures for conducting reconnaissance in force; providing effective counter-reconnaissance to destroy or neutralize enemy reconnaissance forces operation in the area; manoeuvring to maintain contact with enemy forces to acquire accurate, timely and continuous information in order to avoid surprise, establish movement and determine main point of effort in formation's defensive operations; conducting close reconnaissance enabling activities (area, point and route reconnaissance) to obtain information about the enemy, other adversary, terrain</p>	

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and environmental conditions or indigenous population; conducting formation security enabling activities (screen, guard and cover) to locate and determine the strength of adversary positions and activities and exploit gaps; and battle handover procedures.

9. Related Capabilities: This doctrine will enable the national development of CBTREC capabilities in fulfilment of NDPP targets and facilitate defence and operational planning.

10. Level of Standardization:

☒ Compatibility ☐ Interchangeability ☐ Commonality

Additional information: N/A.

11. Covering Document:

☒ STANAG ☐ STANREC

12. Non-NATO Standardization Solutions: Several Allies have doctrine that could serve as the foundation for this new standard or provide components thereof.

- USA, FM 3-98, Reconnaissance and Security Operations.
- USA, ATP 3-20.96 (FM 3-20.96), Cavalry Squadron.
- USA, FM 3-55.1, Battlefield Surveillance Brigade.
- USA, FM 3-90.6, Brigade Combat Team.
- USA, ATP 3-20.98, Reconnaissance Platoon.
- USA, FM 3-20.971, Reconnaissance Troop.
- British Army, AFM Vol. 1, Combined Arms Part 3, Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR).
- FRA 34.101, Manuele d'emploi du GTIA blinde.
- FRA 35.101, Manuele d'emploi du SGTIA a dominante blinde.
- FRA PFT CAV 3.2.06/5, Emploi du SGTIA-Scorpion a dominante blinde.
- ESP PD4-018 V.I, Reconnaissance.
- ESP PD4-018 V.II, Tactical Security.
- ESP PD4-200 V.I, Cavalry units Groups.
- ESP PD4-200 V.II, cavalry units Squadrons.
- ESP PD4-204, Reconnaissance units Route Recce.
- Australian Doctrine on Combat Recce.

13. Working Group: LOWG.

14. Custodian: No offers received from member states.

15. Partner Nations' Involvement: Yes, this will be applicable to PfP nations and any other nation joining a NATO formation. It may also support Security Force Assistance, providing a common doctrine also for the use of supported host nations. This publication will be applicable for all types of operations involving NATO land forces.

16. NATO Bodies' Involvement: N/A.

17. Engagement with other Actors: N/A.

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18. Classification and Release: NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
19. Languages Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Both
20. Promulgation Criteria: 15 member states.
21. NATO Effective Date: DOP.
22. Relationship to Existing NATO Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STANAG 2199 - Command and control of Allied forces - ATP-3.2.2 (Study).• STANAG 2288 - Allied joint doctrine for land operations - AJP-3.2 (In ratification).• STANAG 2605 - Conduct of land tactical operations - ATP-3.2.1 (Study).• STANAG 2606 - Conduct of land tactical activities - ATP-3.2.1.1 (Study).• STANAG 6510 - Joint intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance procedures in support of NATO operations - AIntP-14.• STANAG 7107 - Allied joint doctrine for joint intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance - AJP-2.7 (Study).
23. Military Services Affected: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime <input type="checkbox"/> Other
24. Other Information: Within NDPP, Capability Codes and Statements (CC/CS) provide descriptions of the capabilities that must be included at level of CBTREC. CC/CS for each level of CBTREC are available at 5000/FPR-0070/TT-1758/Ser:NU0517 dated 22 January 2020.
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