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### **Maritime Air Coordination Conference (MACC)**

Maritime Air coordination became an issue after the reorganization of the NATO command structure from the ACLANT/ACE structure to ACT/ACO and, as part of the June 2003 transfer of operational responsibilities from SACLANT to SACEUR, COMMARAIRNORTHWOOD assumed delegated responsibility to lead all Maritime Air (MARAIR)-related issues and to chair the former Bi-SC MPA Conference.

In recognition of the development of NRF/ETF/CJTF, and to embrace the broadening application of MARAIR, SHAPE endorsed the Conference Terms Of Reference (TORs) on condition that it adopted a more appropriate name; hence, the Maritime Air Coordination Conference (MACC) received SHAPE approval in Sep 05.

Since future development of concepts and initiatives and consequent force integration will rely heavily on Bi-SC co-operation, ACT must be adequately represented. Therefore the decision was made to have both ACO and ACT to host alternatively the conference, and as COMMARAIRNORTHWOOD will host the conference on behalf of ACO, the JOINT AIR POWER COMPETENCE CENTER, as SACT Joint air Power principal advisor, has been appointed to host this conference on behalf of ACT.

The Conference is to meet annually, alternatively at CC-Mar HQ in Northwood therefore and at JAPCC.

ACO is the lead Command for the MACC, which consists of those nations, commands and appropriate agencies that agree to participate.

The MACC adopt and utilize the Air Maritime Coordination Working Group (AMCWG) to address specific actions and tasks resulting from the conference.

The AMCWG meets a minimum of twice a year in conjunction with the MACC and 6 months prior and will consists of core members from CMANNORTHWOOD, CMANNAPLES, CC-MAR NAPLES, CC-MAR NORTHWOOD, CC-AIR IZMIR, CC-AIR RAMSTEIN, and STRIKFORNATO. Additionally the AMCWG will include participation from NRF Air and Maritime Headquarters and the MAROPSWG and AIROPSWG as appropriate.

The main objectives and tasks of the MACC are:

- Initiate, develop and process proposals to establish common MARAIR doctrine, standardise Alliance procedures and provide operational advice on C2 Reference Architectures for NATO MARAIR Forces;
- Discuss and develop existing plans and procedures for Air/Maritime force integration into the broader campaign during operations, exercises and training, in concert with the Joint Force and Component Commanders;

- Adopt and utilize the Air Maritime Co-ordination Working Group (AMCWG) to address specific actions and tasks resulting from the Conference.
- Provide input and representation to the Maritime Operations Working Group (MAROPSWG), the Air Operations Working Group (AIROPSWG), relevant Information Exchange Requirement (IER) Panels and other appropriate groups designed to improve Air/Maritime integration;
- Support (within its ability) Nations and ACO HQs (when requested) in their Joint Air Maritime Power related efforts to improve military effectiveness and interoperability with NATO assets, forces and capabilities.

As the MACC is established as a group of subject matter experts, any NATO body can request input into their area of interest. MARAIR-related publications, draft CONOPS, operational requirements, changes to concepts and doctrine, C2 and CIS are examples of some areas that could benefit from review by the Group.

The MACC reports its finding to SHAPE, which will task subordinate Commands as required.