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## *PANEL 2*

### *"Air Command & Control and Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance"*

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This panel is expected to discuss the joint air component C2 structure, focusing on the Air Operations Centre, the location of the air commander, the associated reach-back framework, global reach, and efficient land-air integration in the deployed expeditionary environment.

#### **Q&A**

##### **Q**

*Why don't we have a CAOC for ISAF and Active Endeavour?*

##### **A**

That was strapped by costs and practicality.

##### **Q**

*How do we improve air-land integration before a deployment? And shouldn't we de-centralize C2?*

##### **A**

The Royal Air Force ran a course intended to cover joint operations and NATO should think about joint TACEVALs.

##### **A**

Integration is a matter of 'mind-set'. You need to look at joint training and education wherever you can. To de-centralize C2, well we are doing this in small areas. When you have a clear idea of the command and control intent, this might be possible.

##### **A**

Integration is a national responsibility, and I've seen evidence that the nations are striving toward this goal. It takes a long time and it doesn't necessarily work after you deploy. WGT de-centralized C2; it is easy when you have limited assets. It is dependent upon the situation.

##### **Q - from the audience**

*Are the new NATO nations getting Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS)?*

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**A**

The answer is no. Joining NATO does not entitle a nation to 'gifts'.

**Q**

*Scarce ISR assets are being misused. Do we need an ISTAR component?*

**A**

The Force Command has to be the force provider too. We might get there, but we need to concentrate on air.

**Comment**

I don't think we need it. ISTAR feeds come from diverse sources.

**Comment**

We need to merge ISTAR into operations.