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National Security Planning (MASL #P309195)

CCMR's custom-designed Expanded International Military Education and Training (EIMET) approved workshop entitled "National Security Planning," is conducted by a Mobile Education Team (MET). The purpose of this course is to discuss national security planning both as a process, as well as how it needs to produce a viable policy tool to be used in the governance of democracy. We examine national security policy, emphasizing the broad nature of "security" in today's world, the importance of a clearly articulated policy in driving roles and missions, force structure, and determining resource requirements of armed forces. Moreover, course participants must determine how a well-considered national security policy can clearly define what it is that government wants the armed forces to do. We also discuss how governments prepare such a policy, stressing the benefits of both an inclusive and transparent process. Finally, we identify the necessary stakeholders and other interested parties in national security planning and the roles they can play in the formulation of a national security policy. At the end of the seminar participants will have a greater level of mutual understanding, knowledge and respect for the roles, missions and responsibilities that their organizations have in formulating national security policy in particular and establishing and maintaining appropriate civil-military relations in general. The capstone exercise in the seminar is for the participants to prepare an outline of a national security policy and brief it to senior officials prior to the closing ceremony. The course is comprised of selected, short and focused readings, briefings, discussion and debate periods, as well as decision-making simulations.

The key objectives of the seminar are to:

1. Provide participants with a broad understanding of the concept of a national security planning and its purpose in a democracy.
2. Acquaint students with a comparative understanding of how each and every democracy develops their national security planning in their own unique fashion in accordance with their constitution, law, history, and political traditions.
3. Deliver a series of case studies of the challenges faced by a select number of countries as they have attempted to develop national security policies, with the objective of determining lessons learned.
4. Reinforce an understanding of the challenges of national security planning in a modern democracy by organizing a simulation whereby participants will be challenged with developing the basis for designing a national security planning objective and identifying political, financial, and military challenges to its successful adoption and implementation.

This course can be taught to either single country or regional audiences of between 20 and 30 participants. CCMR tailors each of its programs to the specific conditions, constraints, and requirements of the selected audience. This program is 5 days long and is focused on national-level policy realities and issues.

Faculty Teams: CCMR provides two or three world-class subject matter experts from academic, military, or private sector backgrounds. Host government representatives are asked to deliver presentations as needed.

Translation: This course is taught in English with simultaneous interpretation, as required.

Participants: Participants are selected by the host government and the American Embassy. Numbers can range from 24 to 30. Half the total should be military with the other half composed of civilian and civil society. Rank and position vary depending on the specific country involved, but participation is more dependent on responsibility rather than rank.