Understanding Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces
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The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) one-week Expanded International Military Education and Training (EIMET) approved course entitled “Understanding Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces” is conducted by a Mobile Education Team (MET). The key objective of this course is to examine in a comprehensive manner—via theoretical and empirical approaches—the multiple roles and missions that the armed forces in countries around the world are called to carry out in the current security context. The course examines the following subjects: the current global and regional security environment; the importance of different political institutions in the executive (Ministry of Defense and National Security Council), legislature (committees and investigative bodies), and the judicial system (courts and IGs) in defense and security strategic decision-making; the current spectrum of roles and missions of the military forces as demanded by the security environment; the requirements for effectiveness in the fulfillment of roles and missions; the long-term importance of education, both civilian higher education and professional military education (PME) in consolidating the bases of stable and positive Civil-Military relations.

Participants: The course is designed for mid–to-high level civilian government officials (executive, legislature, and judicial branches), military officers from major to general, and representatives from civil society and the media.

Faculty Teams: CCMR task-organizes each team in order to optimize the specific expertise requested by the ODC/SAO. However, as a general rule, CCMR faculty teams are relatively small (two to three individuals) consisting of proven subject-matter experts, who are drawn from around the world.

Translation: The course will be taught in English. Where necessary, the course will be delivered with simultaneous interpretation into the local language.