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United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Officers Course (MASL # P179023 In-Residence; P309068 MET; P279068 Regional)

Introduction: The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) offers a United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Officers Course (UN-CIMIC). The goal of this course is to improve the ability of national armed forces to participate in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations in order to resolve international crises. The specific purpose of the UN-CIMIC is to prepare and train officers (captain – lieutenant colonel or civilian equivalents) for service as civil-military coordination officers in integrated peacekeeping missions. The course meets current standards of performance established by the UN and includes best practices from training conducted by other nations involved in peacekeeping. CCMR conducts this course through the United States (US) Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) program.

Course Details: The UN-CIMIC can be conducted in residence at the Naval Postgraduate School (MASL P179023) or in a participating country through a Mobile Education Team (MET) as a national (MASL P309068) or a regional (MASL P279068) course. If regional or in-residence, participants are invited from other countries in the area or worldwide to attend the UN-CIMIC. The duration of the training is 12 calendar days inclusive of weekend/cultural/social programs. Participants could use Global Peacekeeping Operations Initiative funding, IMET/EIMET or be self-funded. The duration of training will be 12 calendar days (to include weekend rest and cultural/social programs).

Training Objectives: The course will enhance capacities of participating nations by developing peacekeeping leadership capabilities and increase the number of trained civil-military coordination officers available for selection to posts for UN and other peacekeeping missions. The specific objectives of the UN-CIMIC are to: a) Examine major civil-military coordination issues in modern UN Peacekeeping Operations; b) Understand the UN role and responsibilities in UN Peacekeeping Operations education and training; c) Review the civil and military coordination structures in different mission models; d) Understand national role and responsibilities concerning UN-CIMIC education and training for deployment; and e) Establish baseline liaison and coordination skills necessary to operate within a peacekeeping mission.

Course Methodology: The training methodology will include presentations from Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in conjunction with group discussions, plenary discussions, and classroom exercises. The focus of the group discussions and exercises will be problem solving based on a fictitious peacekeeping operation scenario or standalone problems related to various aspects of peacekeeping operations.

Course Instructors: The resource staff for the UN-CIMIC consists of 3 to 4 SMEs and one senior SME with experience as a civil-military coordination officer in the field.

Participants: The optimum course participant strength is 25 students. Participant rank or grade should be captain – lieutenant colonel (or civilian equivalents).