Operation Unified Protector Experience Brief

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Outline of Briefing

• Factual Backgrounds
• Mandate
• Preliminary Issues
• Targeting Process
• Targeting Issues
• Q&A
Factual Background

- 15Feb11: Protests against Regime of Gadhaffi
  - Violent confrontations between protesters and regime forces
  - Resulting in humanitarian crisis
- 26Feb11: Adoption of UNSCR 1970
  - Embargo
- 17Mar11: Adoption of UNSCR 1973
  - Embargo
  - NFZ
  - Protection of civilians
- 19Mar11: Start OOD « Coalition of the Willing »
- End Mar11: NATO OUP
Mandate UNSCR 1973

• Protection of civilians (OP 4)
  – Take all necessary measures
  – Protect civilians and civilian populated areas in LBY
  – Excluding a foreign occupation force of any form

• NFZ (OP 8)
  – Ban on ALL flights in LBY airspace
  – IOT help protect civilians

• Embargo (OP 13)
  – Arms embargo
  – On high seas
Mandate UNSCR 1973

• Preliminary Issues
  – At War with LBY?
  – Implementing UNSCR Vs LOAC (combatancy?)
  – Legal Framework: Different or same for OP of UNSCR 1973?
    • Embargo Ops
    • NFZ Ops
    • Protection of civilians/civilian populated areas?
  – HA missions EU: MS EU as belligerent parties in OOD/OUP:
    • Members Armed Forces HA: immune from attack
    • Quid neutrality neighbouring states and FOB
  – Classification of conflict: mixed conflict
    • Internal: from internal disturbances to NIAC
    • NATO: From IAC to NIAC?
  – Impartiality vis-à-vis belligerents (anti-GAD/proGAD)
Targeting Process and the LOAC

• Targeting processes and cycles: based on LOAC principles
  – ISO military strategic objectives
    • Where the population is not (anymore) under attack/threat of attack
  – Creation of effects

• Guiding principles
  – Compliance with int’l and national laws
  – Preventing own damage
  – Minimize CD/CIVCAS
  – Minimum use of force
Legal Issues

• Basic principles: PID-ROE-CDE-Cdr’s Intent
• OOD => OUP:
  – Different sets of ROE
  – SPINS: bottom up approach (E.g.: NCV/TEA)
• Civil Vs military aircraft
  – Used by mercenaries: military?
  – Flying by anti-GAD?
  – Fixed wing vs slow movers
• Militarizing facilities/compounds
• Human shields
• Snipers
• Mercenaries
• Retreating troops
• Police stations and recruitment stations
• Broadcasting stations
Conclusion

• Air assets from 16 Nations took part in OUP
• On average: 200 missions/day
• Main focus:
  – Preventing attacks on civilians
  – Main effort from DCA to OCA
• Regime forces
  – From regular to irregular warfare
  – In urban areas: CDE becomes crucial