

## TEXT 3

### **Ground Forces**

Ground forces form the basic and decisive part of any armed forces. They are established in order to defend, in cooperation with the other branches, the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country. Moreover, the ground forces are intended to fulfil the obligations following from international agreements and treaties. The ground forces usually have a functional organizational structure. This structure consists of army corps, divisions, brigades etc. down to battalions, companies, platoons, and squads. It is complemented by training and mobilization bases, auxiliary units, and support facilities.

Development and further build up of the ground forces' units and facilities is aimed at achieving the target operational capabilities. It means that the development must proceed so they may perform the following three basic missions:

- Participation in performing the missions at securing the defence of state and in fulfilling other tasks of the armed forces on national territory based on country's constitution;
- Participation in combat operations in accordance with international treaties (Washington Treaty, Article 5);
- Participation in low-intensity conflicts, peacekeeping operations (Washington Treaty non-article 5).

Modern ground forces have to be developed in harmony with country's economic resources as a relatively small but highly effective force. It should satisfy the requirements set upon the formation of purpose-built groupings (task forces). These are formed depending on the kind of threat in order to be interoperable with other allied forces.

Ambition of ground forces is to remain the main and decisive component of the armed forces even in the future. Their existing organizational structure continues to be radically reduced and simplified.

A set of combat support elements designed is organizationally configured to be able to satisfy previously declared national as well as allied commitments.

Decisive part of the ground forces is to be located in backbone military garrisons nearby military training areas. Newly, psychological operations (PSYOPS) and Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Centre were introduced as elements of the ground forces.