Multinational Interoperability Council (MIC)

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MISSION STATEMENT

Provide an Adaptive and Agile Framework to Allow Potential Lead Nations Opportunity to Identify Interoperability Issues and Articulate Courses of Action to Set the Conditions, at the Strategic and Operational Level, for More Effective Coalition Operations Within and Outside Extant Political Alliances.

OVERVIEW OF THE MIC

- ## Only Operator-Led MN Interoperability Forum
  - Focus on Strategic and higher Operational Level Coalition C2 and Information Sharing Interoperability Issues
  - Spans Elements of Joint/Combined Warfighting Staffs
  - Addresses Overarching Interoperability Issues
    - Operational, Technical, Doctrinal, Policy, and Procedural
  - Scope and Solutions Could Positively Affect Coalition Building and Operations As Well As Influence Other Interoperability Forums

OVERVIEW OF THE MIC

- **Members**
  - AUS, CAN, DEU, FRA, GBR, ITA, USA
    - Countries Most Likely to Form and Lead a Coalition Operation
    - Demonstrated Willingness, Competence, and Capability
- **Observers**
  - NZL
    - Countries That Do Not Meet Membership Criteria but Are Interested in Multinational Interoperability and Information Sharing
    - Participate in MIC General Interoperability Discussions
    - Participate in Issue Specific MIWG Meetings and Work Groups
- **Associates**
  - NATO ACT, EU Military Staff
    - Organizations That Are Interested in Multinational Interoperability
    - Participate in the Same Way as Observers

PRINCIPALS

Brigadier Stephan Day

Director General Plans

Major-General Michael J. Ward

Chief Force Development

Brigadegeneral Erhard Bühler

Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations)

Général de Corps Aérien Patrick Paimbault

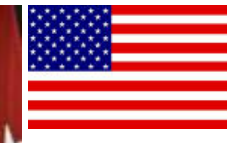Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) Joint Defense Staff

Generale di Divisione Mario Marioli

Director Political - Military and Planning Division

Air Vice-Marshal C. M. Nickols

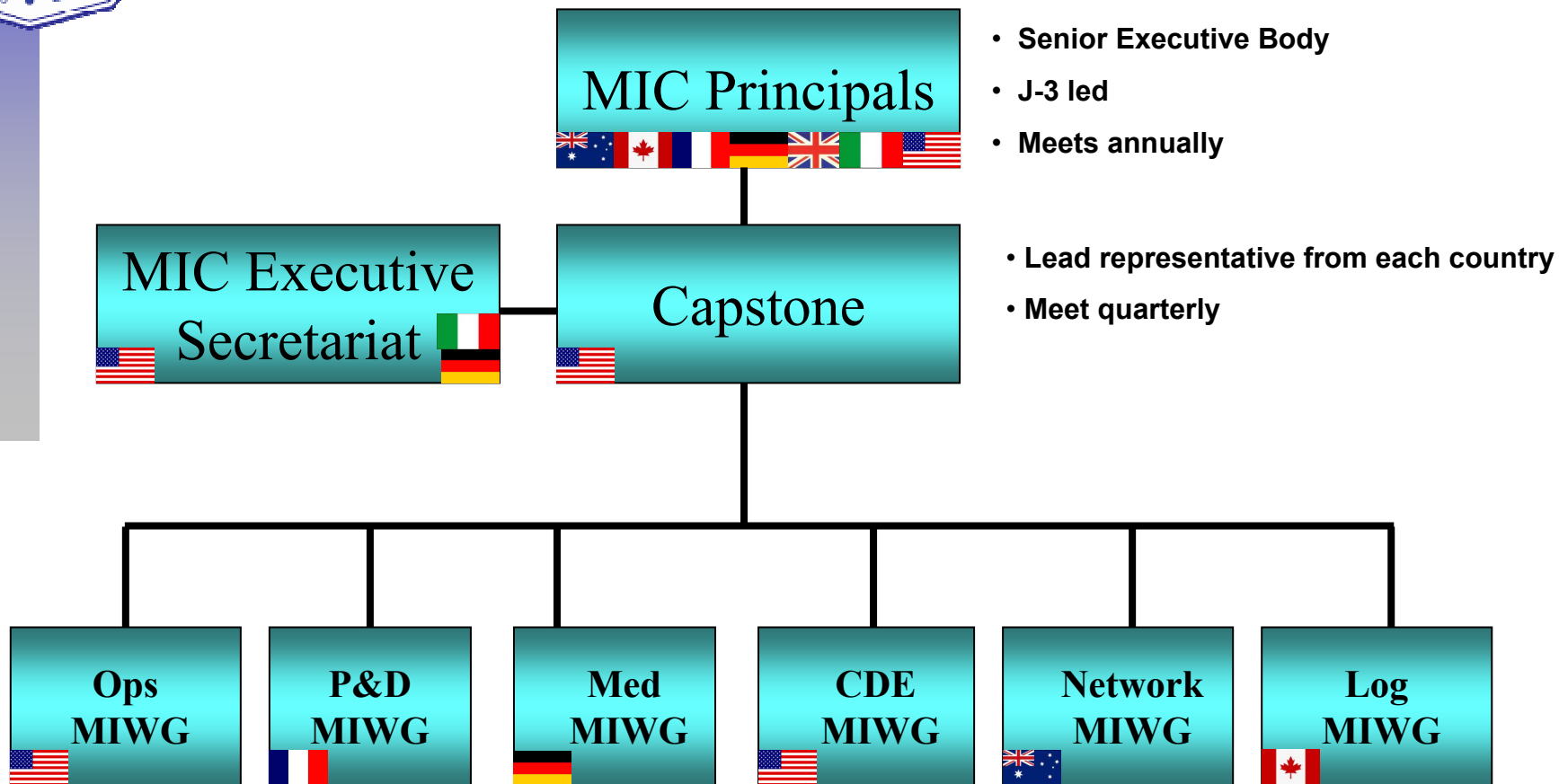Assistant Chief of the Defense Staff (Operations)

Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute

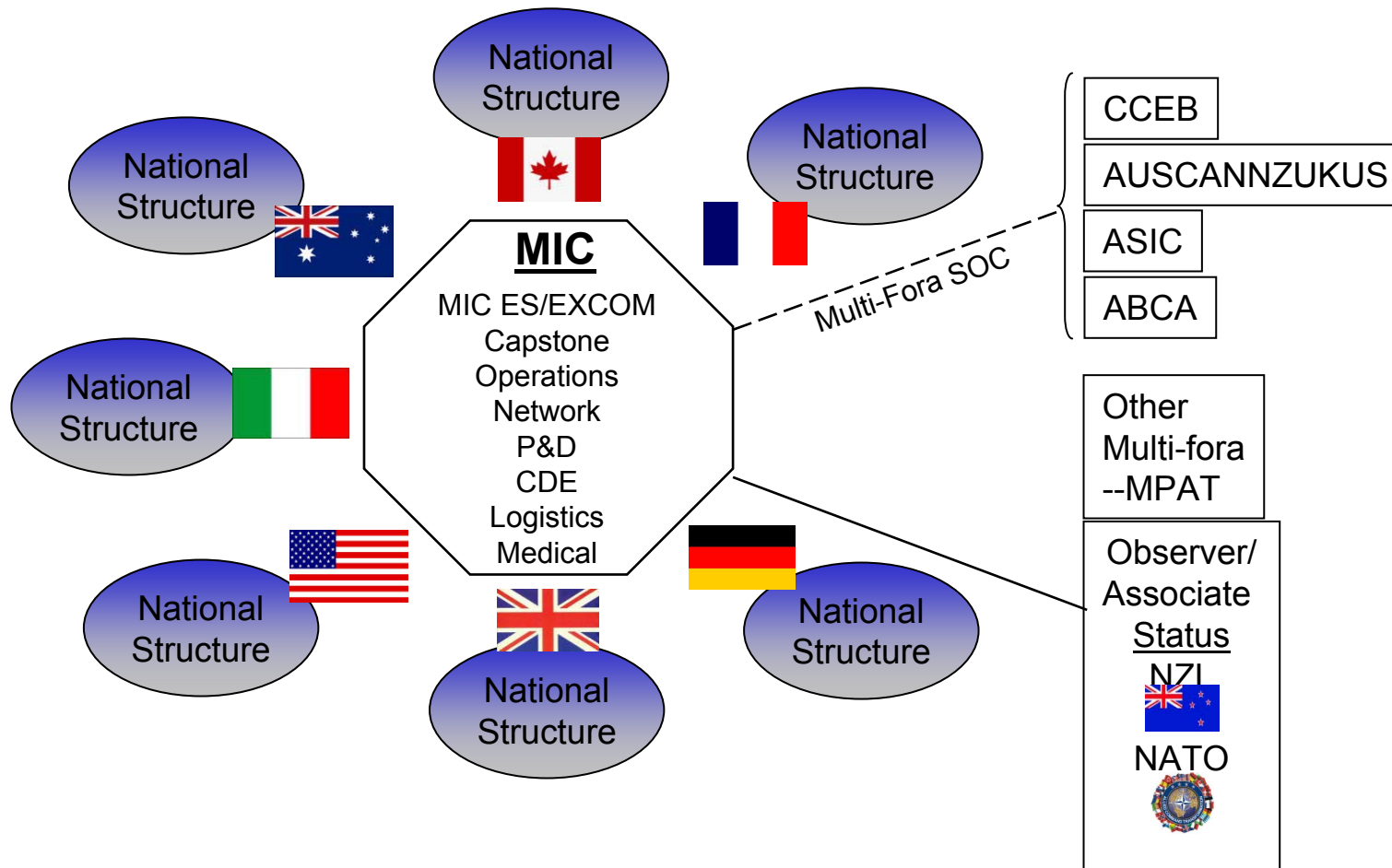Director for Operations Joint Staff

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ORGANIZATION

MIC Principals

- Senior Executive Body
- J-3 led
- Meets annually

MIC Executive Secretariat

Capstone

- Lead representative from each country
- Meet quarterly

Ops MIWG	P&D MIWG	Med MIWG	CDE MIWG	Network MIWG	Log MIWG

- MOD Representatives from each country
- Meet semiannually

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RELATIONSHIPS

National Structure

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MIC

MIC ES/EXCOM
Capstone
Operations
Network
P&D
CDE
Logistics
Medical

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Multi-Fora SOC

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JS J2 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7

JSJ3 Capstone MIC ES Ops

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COCOMS

Interagency
•Dept of State
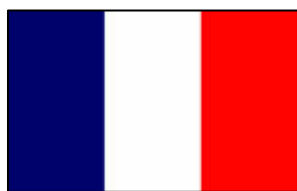•NSC

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MIC-MULTIFORA RELATIONSHIP

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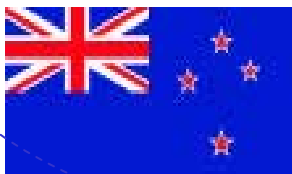
Associates

ABCA
ASIC
CCEB
TTCP
AUSCANNZUKUS

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coalition Information Exchange Environment 2008 V2
  - Addresses Technological As Well As a Broad Range of Requirements Across Other Lines of Development (DOTMLPF)
- MIC Wide Area Network (WAN) CONOPS, Dec 2006
- Coalition Network Strategy (CNS)
  - A Strategy and Guidance Document to Improved Information Exchange Between Coalition Partners
- MIC Information Exchange Memorandum of Understanding (MICIEM), 08 Jun 06
- Coalition Building Guide (CBG), Chg 1 – 08 Jun 06
  - Lead Nation Concept
  - Lead Nation Utilization
  - MPAT Adopted Lead Nation Concept in MNF SOP
  - Reference Document for MNE Strategic Plan

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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CONTINUING EFFORTS

- Capture and Exploit Coalition Interoperability Lessons Observed / Identified

- Interagency / NGOs / IOs

- Mutual Logistics Support Arrangements

- Coalition Connectivity

- Participation / Representation in Multinational Limited Objective Experiments (MNLOE)

- Table Top Exercise

- Bi-ennial Gap Analysis

- Marketing the MIC

MIC SCHEDULE

2007

- MIWG Conference
  - 12 to 16 Mar 07
    - Washington, DC
- MIC Principals' Meeting
  - 04 to 07 Jun 07
    - Venice, ITA
- MIWG Conference
  - 10 to 14 Sep 07
    - PACOM, HI
- Capstone Strategic Planning Session
  - 05 to 09 Nov 07
    - Toronto, CAN
- Principals' Secure VTC
  - Dec 07

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Key to Multinational Ops is unified action
- Must build lasting relationships through regular meetings
- Nations must understand each others' capabilities, limitations and culture
- Interoperability is not just tied to information networks, it also involves doctrine, policy, logistics, medical and intelligence
- Often when something cannot be done, it is because of policy instead of technology
- Strategic level interoperability is important in achieving operational and tactical interoperability

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Questions