

7 Jul 2022

**DOT-POINT BRIEF FOR CDF**

**NZDF SUPPORT TO THE UK'S OP INTERFLEX: TRAINING UKRAINIAN ARMY RECRUITS**

**Purpose**

1. To support COMJ's operational advice (encl 1) by informing CDF of the strategic context surrounding the options for the NZDF to support the United Kingdom's Operation INTERFLEX.

**Benefits of Op TIEKE Deployment**

2. [Redacted] s9(2)(g)(i)  
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3. [Redacted] s9(2)(g)(i)  
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**Alignment to the Strategic Framework**

4. [Redacted] s6(a)  
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**Mitigation of Strategic Risks**

5. The following risks have been considered:
  - Maintenance of National Contingency (NatCon) response forces, for domestic and regional responses. The requirement to maintain NatCon response forces for HADR and the HRTU was considered. [Redacted] s6(a)  
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  - Maintenance of engagement within the Pacific. This calendar year has seen, and will continue to see, a high level of engagement within the Pacific for building partner capacity and leadership development. This has been higher than in any

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of the previous several years. Based upon ongoing partner requests this level of engagement will continue, and it is assessed that this deployment will not interfere with those activities.

- Force Regeneration. The ability for NZDF to deploy additional personnel to the UK may be perceived as counter to the narrative that the NZDF requires a period of regeneration post Op PROTECT. The nature of the recommended option involves the deployment of trained, but predominantly junior, NZ Army personnel serves to manage current commitments and regeneration activities, as well as providing a significant retention mechanism.

### **Advice on Decision Making**

6. Under the current framework, all options require Cabinet approval.
7. Options 1 (recommended), 3, and 4 of encl 1—due to their recommended deployment dates—would require an out of session Cabinet approval. This would be further complicated by the Parliamentary recess over the period 4-21 Jul 22.
8. Option 2 could be submitted for consideration at ERS in August, for Cabinet decision in early September.

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### **Annex**

- A. Assessment of proposed training deployment against the strategic framework

### **Enclosure**

1. HQ JFNZ Minute 157/2022: OP TIEKE – ‘Training at Scale’ – Support to UK OP INTERFLEX Training of Ukrainian Armed Forces Army Personnel – Operational Advice

**Annex A: Assessment of proposed training deployment against the strategic framework**

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