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CAPABILITIES IMPROVEMENT CHART I/2006

The development of military capabilities for crisis management has been a key aspect of the European Security and Defence Policy since its inception.

Every six months a progress report on EU military capabilities is submitted to the Council, in accordance with the "Capability Development Mechanism" established by the Council in March 2003 for the follow-up and evaluation of military capabilities objectives and commitments by Member States.

The attached chart indicates progress in addressing recognised shortfalls and deficits.

This chart takes as a starting point the Capability Improvement Chart published in November 2001. Military requirements identified in 2002 and 2003 have been included as have contributions by Member States addressing these requirements.

The Headline Goal 2010, set in 2004, aims at the further development of European capabilities for crisis management with a horizon of 2010, reflecting the European Security Strategy, the evolution of the strategic environment and of technology and drawing on lessons learned from the EU-led operations.

The Headline Goal 2010 builds on the existing goal and recognises that existing shortfalls still need to be addressed. Member States have decided to commit themselves to be able by 2010 to respond with rapid and decisive action applying a fully coherent approach to the whole spectrum of crisis management operations covered by the Treaty on the European Union. The Headline Goal 2010 adopts a long-term perspective and focuses on the qualitative aspects of capability development and also provides a framework within which to address further the delivery of capability.

A new Requirements Catalogue was approved by the Council in November 2005. It should be noted that Member States' contributions which have recently been made in light of the Requirements Catalogue 2005 are not yet taken into consideration in this Capability Improvement Chart but will be included in future ones.

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Improvements have been achieved in the shortfall area of Strategic Airlift by introducing the Strategic Airlift Interim Solution (SALIS) assuring timely availability of an additional capability to deploy outsized cargo. SALIS enhances the European Union's capability of strategic airlift in support of European Security and Defence Policy operations.

The European Capability Action Plan (ECAP) launched in 2001 underpins Member States' progress in remedying identified shortfalls with respect to the Helsinki Headline goal set in 1999 by rationalising Member States respective defence efforts and increasing synergy between their national and multi-national projects. Following the Council's approval in May 2005 of the migration in whole or in part of 11 ECAP Projects Groups to a more integrated process coordinated by the European Defence Agency, 8 ECAP Project Groups have already completed this migration. The remaining ECAP Project Groups will pursue their work following the ECAP principles and under guidance from the EU Military Committee. The objective is to further improve the development of military capabilities in the framework of the European Security and Defence Policy.

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Note:

This Capabilities Improvement Chart draws on Member States contributions to the military requirements identified in 2002, which led to the identification of capability shortfalls and catalogue deficits that needed to be addressed.

This chart lists those Shortfalls and Deficits and indicates improvement or otherwise in accordance with the following legends:

Solved Shortfall/Deficit solved

➤ Situation has improved

≈ Situation remains approximately the same

S Identified as significant in the assessment of capability

A specific column highlights qualitative (Q)/readiness (R) shortfalls.

Information reflected in the P&I column should not be regarded as a contribution nor a commitment.

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Capabilities Improvement Chart I/2006

Capabilities Shortfalls and Catalogue Deficits ¹	Progress 2002- 2006	Impact	Qualitative/ Readiness Shortfalls	Projects and Initiatives
LAND				
Attack Helicopter Battalions	≈	S		YES
Composite Army Aviation Battalions	≈		R	YES
Medium/Heavy Helicopter Transport Battalions	≈	S		YES
Reconnaissance and Liaison Helicopter Battalions	≈			YES
Nuclear, Biological & Chemical (NBC) Battalions	Solved	S		
NBC Coy (balanced)	≈		R	
Logistic Battalion	≈		R	
Surveillance and Target Acquisition (STA) / Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Battalions	≈	S		YES
STA Units	≈	S		
Medical Collective Protection Unit Role 3	≈			YES
Deployable Laboratories	↗	S	Q	YES

¹ This list does not reflect any order of priority.

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MARITIME				
Carrier Based Air Power	≈			YES
Helicopter Carrier	≈			
Primary casualty Receiving Ship (PCRS)	≈			
Port and Shipping advisory Team	≈			
Seaport of Disembarkation (SPOD) Units	↗			
Amphibious Brigade HQ (including Signal Company)	≈		R	
AIR				
Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC)	Solved		R	
Suppression of Enemy Air Defence (SEAD)	≈	S		YES
Air to Air Refuelling (AAR)	≈	S		YES
Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR)	≈	S		YES
Tactical Air Transport (TCC - M)	≈			YES
Cruise Missiles and Precision Guided Munitions (PGM) Equipped A/C	≈	S		YES
Tactical Air Support fro Maritime Operations(TASMO) Aircrafts (A/C)	Solved		R	

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Dispersed Operating Base (DOB) Air Traffic Control (ATC) and Fire & Crash Support Element	≈			
DOB Fuel distribution Support Element	≈			
DOB Personnel Support Element	≈			
C3I				
Operation Headquarters (OHQs)	↗	S	Q	YES
Force Headquarters (FHQs)	≈	S	Q	YES
Land Component Commander (LCC) Headquarters	≈	S	Q	YES
Maritime Component Commander (MCC) Headquarters	≈	S	Q	YES
Air Component Commander (ACC) Headquarters	≈	S	Q	
Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR)				
Imagery Intelligence Collection	≈	S		YES
Signal Intelligence Collection	≈	S		YES

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Early Warning and Distant Detection Strategic Level	≈	S		YES
Theatre Surveillance and Reconnaissance Air Picture	≈	S		YES
Theatre Surveillance and Reconnaissance Ground Picture	≈	S		YES
STRATEGIC MOBILITY				
Strategic Airlift	↗	S	R in relation to passenger aircraft	YES
Strategic Sealift (including Strategic Medical Evacuation)	≈	S		YES
OTHER CAPABILITY				
Tactical Ballistic Missile Defence	≈	S	Q	YES
CATALOGUE DEFICITS				

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Force Headquarters (FHQ) Carrying Ship	≈			YES
Repair Support Ship	≈			
Amphibious Ship	≈		R	YES
Patrol Vessel / Corvette (PV/FS)	Solved			
Harbour & Shallow water Mine Counter Measures (MCM) Unit	≈			
Aircraft Carrier (CV) Based Recce Pods	≈		R	YES
Division HQ	≈		R	
Light Infantry Brigade HQ	≈			YES
Light/Medium Armoured Squadrons	≈			YES
Mechanised Infantry Battalions	↗		R	YES
Light Infantry Battalions	≈			YES
Amphibious Infantry Battalion	≈		R	
Field Artillery Battalion (Amphibious)	≈		R	
Short Range Air Defence (SHORAD) Battalion	≈		R	YES
Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) Medium level Battalion	≈		R	YES
Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) Battery	Solved		R	

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GBAD Battery (Amphibious)	≈		R	
Combat Engineer Battalion (Amphibious)	≈		R	
General Support Engineer Battalions	≈			
General Maintenance Engineer Battalions	≈	S		
Reconnaissance Squadron (Amphibious)	≈		R	
Medical Treatment Facilities Role 3 (including In-Theatre ashore and afloat Medical Treatment Facilities)	Solved		R	
Multinational Support Unit (MSU) Battalion	≈		R	
Forward Tactical Aeromedical Evacuation Helos	Solved		R	

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