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# A GENERIC NATIONAL MILITARY STRATEGY

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# DEFENSE POLICY

- Government-level statement of national security concerns, interests and objectives
- Determinants of National level defense policy are e.g.:
  - Foreign Affairs or Defense white paper
  - A National Security Strategy
  - A National Security Concept
  - International commitments
  - Azerbaijan ???

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# ELEMENTS OF DEFENSE POLICY

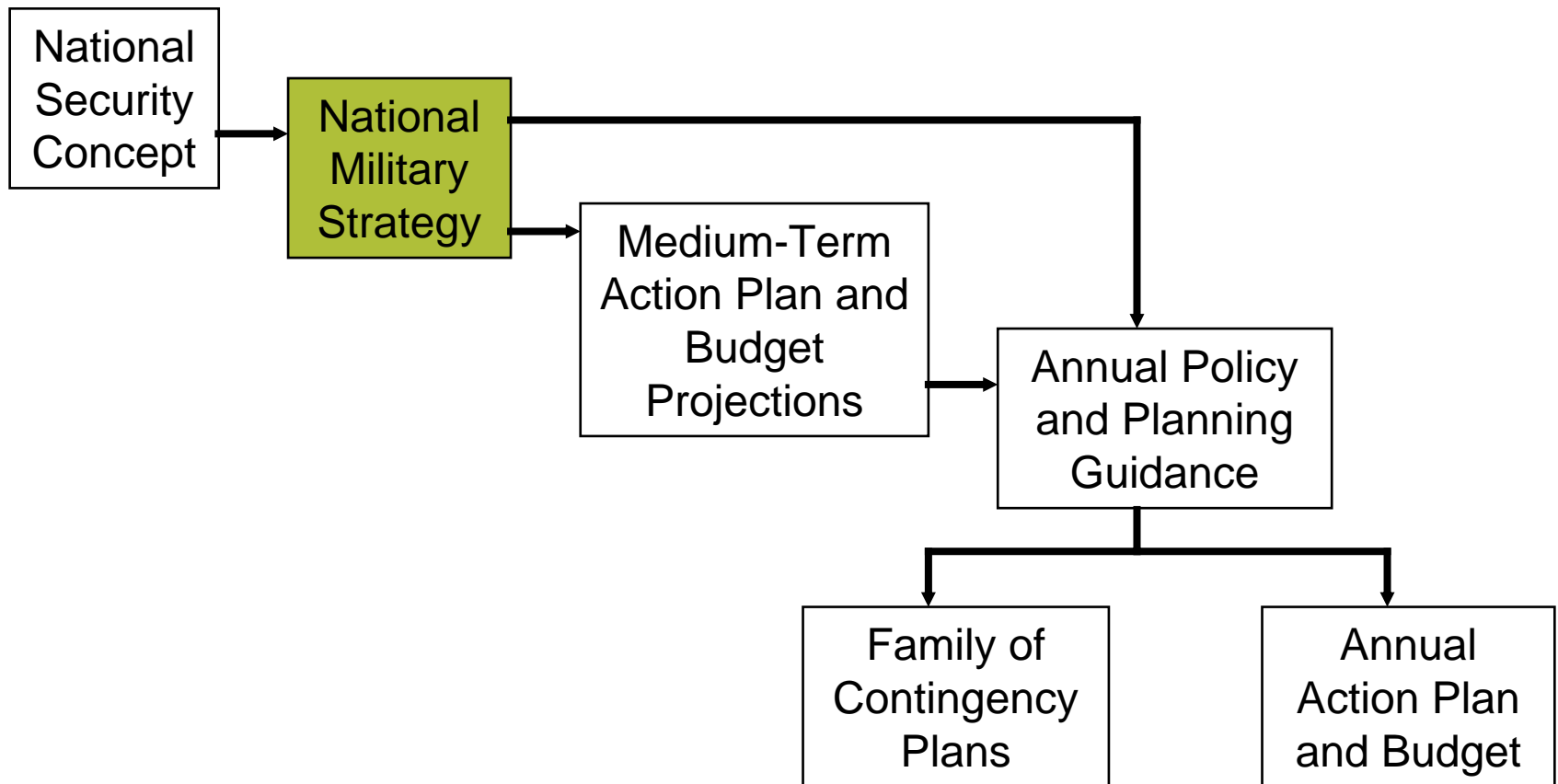
- National Level Security/Defense Policy
- National Level Strategy
- “Government Endorsed” Strategic Guidance to the armed forces
- Implementing guidance
- Government
- Minister of Defense
- Chief of Defense (CHOD)
- V/CHOD, or Chief of Staff

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# INTERPRETING THE GUIDANCE

- Rare that countries have all of these documents or follow this typology and the political guidance usually...
  - Is not to be found in a single package
  - Nor can it always be easily obtained in democracies - young and old
- Defense officials must, therefore, be prepared to “extract” guidance and priorities from a wide array of official documents

# HIERARCHY OF GUIDING AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS



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# KEY POLICY GUIDANCE:

## National Security Concept

Long-term: Strategic level planning guidance document (National Security Concept, White Paper, or similar)

Usually Parliamentary acknowledged

Looks out 15+ years, reviewed 3/5 years, revised as needed

Provides vision: environment, risks, anticipated missions, required capabilities.

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# KEY POLICY GUIDANCE:

## National Military Strategy

Medium-term: National Military Strategy

Developed under Minister of Defense's guidance, Government approved

Covers time period of 7-10 years, reviewed every 3 to 5 years

Assessment of security environment

Principles of Defence Policy

Planning assumptions

Development priorities

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# STRUCTURE

- I. Security Policy Context
- II. Principles of Defense Policy
- III. Defense Force
- IV. Readiness and Mobilization
- V. Command Arrangements
- VI. Development Priorities

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# SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY

- Describe changing strategic environment
- Outline political and military threats and risks
- State the objective of national defense
- State the principles of defense policy; e.g.:
  - Indivisibility of security
  - Defense cooperation
  - Credible military deterrence
  - Civil control

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# DEFENSE FORCE

- Outline the composition of the Defense Force; e.g. Services, Joint Components, etc.
- Outline the structure of the Defense Force; e.g. Service Component composition, etc.
- Establish Missions for Services and other major Force Components

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# READINESS and MOBILIZATION

- Establish necessary levels of readiness for the Defense Force; e.g.
  - Standing readiness
  - Raised readiness
  - Deterrence readiness
  - Full readiness
- Define authorities, activities and procedures to take the national defense system from one level to another

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# READINESS and MOBILIZATION

- Define National Mobilization and the mobilization of Defense Forces
- Outline specific responsibilities of the Government, the Ministry of Defense and the Commander of Defense Forces in conducting the mobilization
- Outline principles and major procedures of mobilization of Defense Forces

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# COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS

- Outline general Command Arrangements for the National Defense
- Outline specific responsibilities in National Defense of the President, Parliament, Government, Minister and Ministry of Defense, Chief of Defense/Chief of General Staff, and Service Chiefs

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# DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Provide plausible projection of expected resource levels in medium-term timeframe; to include both money and human resources
- Establish Development Priorities for the Defense Forces within medium-term timeframe

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# SUMMARY

- A NMS serves several purposes:
  - Provide medium-term policy guidance for activity and resource planning
  - Inform wider audiences—domestic and international—on policies and principles of National Defense
  - Provide outlines of expected changes and amendments to the National Legislation in light of established Government medium-term policy

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QUESTIONS ?