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Session One

Role of Military Forces in Homeland Security

- Analyze the different perceptions of threats and security challenges to homeland security within Europe and the United States. List the major differences between Europe and the United States:
 - Differences in Threat Perception
 - Public Sensitivities to Military in the Streets
 - Differences in Size and Nature of Forces and Resources Available
- What roles and missions may armed forces in your country carry out for homeland security missions (e.g. for consequence management) and homeland defense missions (e.g. air, land and maritime defense)?
 - Military personnel can assist in case of emergency without a weapon
 - Military Value vs Civilian Value
 - Border control belongs to military in some countries



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Session Two

Lessons Learned and Intergovernmental Cooperation

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- Identify the most important lessons learned from national experiences:
 - Training and Exercises are necessary
 - Higher level decision makers must join the exercise
 - Role of Media
 - Include international aspects in training
- Identify areas for improvement in inter-ministerial / interagency and international cooperation, with particular emphasis on military support for civil authority:
 - Special education for National tasks is essential
 - Involve non NATO, non-EU and other relevant countries
 - National legislation has to be adjusted to NATO standards (NCRS changes too often)



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Session Three

Anticipating Future Challenges

- What capabilities, programs, and initiatives do you have that may be used to address Pandemic Influenza or combating WMD in military-military relationships?
 - Other than PSI initiative and some exercises, there is not much cooperation between militaries on these topics
 - The military mostly is not the first responsible for an action plan on Pandemic Flu / police are.
 - Some countries however inform neighbour countries on the situation. Military Security agencies can play an important role
- What are your future challenges?
 - Press / WMD / Pandemic / Terrorism / extremism / Immigration
 - Change of climate / environmental protection / Separatism of states
 - Organised Crime / Drugs traffic (and other acts of smuggling)
 - Conventional explosives



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Session Four

Future Cooperation Between the United States and Europe

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- How should lessons learned be applied to future incidents?
 - Financial Resources
 - Political Will and Ranking of Priorities
 - Harmonization of Laws and data base
 - Population readiness and Better Risk Evaluation
- What areas of civil and/or military cooperation should be initiated or expanded in the future?
 - Forming a standing Group of People - Experts
 - Increase training on incidents that transcend borders
 - Expand Education and Training to Media and MPs