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Outbrief

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- What are the major differences in threat perception between Europe and the United States?
 - “War” (US) vs Law Enforcement issue (EU)
 - Terrorism is part of EU life – years of experience
 - US has more global view of responsibility; EU is more focused on national concerns
 - Differing concepts/definitions of homeland security/homeland defense
 - Differing concepts/definitions of terrorism
 - Act vs cause



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- What impact do these differences have on how military forces may be employed in homeland security and civil support roles?
 - Supremacy of civil authority
 - Role of military is primarily one of support
 - Conscious decision for duplication
 - Examine tradition/necessity for use of military resources
 - Needs to be flexible and adaptable
 - Armed forces should provide expertise to civilian authorities:
 - Planning
 - Command and control
 - General capabilities, such as transportation
 - Specialized capabilities, such as CBRN units



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- How can inter-ministerial / interagency cooperation and civil-military relations be improved? How can transatlantic cooperation on these issues be improved?
 - Integrated planning at all levels and across all sectors
 - Training and Exercise
 - Provide for interoperability of equipment, particularly communications
 - Understand and respect the discreet roles of civilian, military, and private sector stakeholders in terms of responsibilities and legislation
 - Enhanced coordination and liaison
 - Building trust
 - Capitalize on existing venues and develop more forums for education, sharing of perspectives and insights, partnership-building discussion



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- What future challenges should we plan for?
 - Pandemics
 - CBRN terrorist attack
 - Natural disasters
 - Man-made disasters, particularly nuclear power plants
 - Protection of critical infrastructure
 - Mass migration/refugees
 - Understand and address root cause of terrorism
 - Include private sector in planning
- How will the role of military forces change in meeting these challenges?
 - Essentially will not change due to current country constitution/law
 - Support requirements most likely will increase
 - Should strive to optimize use of the military in support of civil authorities