

NATO Command and Control Relationships and Authorities

NATO C2 relationships and authorities as described in NATO policies, doctrines, directives and concepts are designed to be flexible, but should be clear to all involved. Experience from both NATO-led operations and NATO exercises suggests that such clarity is lacking. Additionally, inconsistencies seem apparent among various NATO publications.

There is therefore a need for a study to review all of the NATO publications referring to NATO C2 relationships and authorities in order to identify areas that could give rise to misinterpretation by NATO commanders and staffs, and to make recommendations regarding the issues identified. Allied Command Transformation forwarded the formal request in August 2018.

The study is led by the NATO C2COE supported by the JALLC. Finalisation is expected before October 2019. The intended outcome is a clear, mutual understanding of C2 relationships and authorities within NATO. The analysis will support the NATO commanders and their planners at all levels in their job.

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