



(TS//SI) Conference Looks at Support to NATO Ops in Afghanistan

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(TS//SI) Representatives from NSAW and NSA/CSS Georgia (NSAG) along with all four Second Parties met in Ottawa, Canada, from 24-26 January 2006 to discuss the way forward with regard to providing SIGINT support to all countries participating in the NATO/International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) effort to provide security in Afghanistan. This was the third conference during the past year to address critical issues affecting the Afghan target - the first was held at NSAW in February 2005, while the second took place in Ottawa four months later.



(U//FOUO) Canadian Forces Station Leitrim

(S) The conference was held at Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Leitrim and was co-hosted by Lt Col Mazzolin, Station Commander, and [REDACTED] CSE's Afghan Event Manager. Upwards of 75 people attended the conference. The U.S. delegation of approximately 20 individuals came from various organizations, including:

- the Near East/South Asia (NESA) Issue Managers Team,
- S1,
- S2,
- S3,
- the Foreign Affairs Directorate (FAD),
- S2 and S3 at NSAG,
- the former and future NSA/CSS Representative (NCR) Afghanistan,
- NCR CENTCOM,
- Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE),
- the Army Cryptologic Office (ACO), and
- the current Office-in-Charge at Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan (CFC-A).

(TS//SI) Participants were divided into two working groups - along national and theater lines - to discuss various topics. However, several presentations of mutual concern were delivered to the entire audience. Subjects addressed during the conference included:

- target communications overviews,
- available linguistic resources,
- Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) usage in Afghanistan,
- environmental surveys by several partners,
- the status and future of the Remote Operations Control Center (ROC-C, built by ACO in Bagram in 2005),
- FAD's [CENTER ICE](#) collaboration system, and
- the status of the ISAF transition.

Approximately 25 actions were generated during the conference and assigned to various individuals/groups for resolution.

(S) While there are still issues to be worked, all of the participants agreed that this conference was highly successful and laid the groundwork for a smooth transition to the NATO/ISAF takeover of Afghan security in 2006.

(TS//SI) A five-eyes GSM-only meeting took place at NSAW in late February; detailed discussions addressed issues such as current access, collection gaps, initiatives to close the gaps, and network mapping. A follow-on to the Ottawa conference is scheduled for NSAW in early April to update everyone on the status of the action list.

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