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PREFACE

SCOPE

- 1. Background.** There will be occasions when it will be appropriate to deploy military assets to assist in a foreign humanitarian emergency or disaster relief effort, either on a national basis or as part of an international effort. Work resulting from the post - Op BARWOOD Humanitarian Relief Study (Mozambique) highlighted the lack of national guidance for the provision of military assistance to foreign humanitarian emergencies and disaster relief efforts. It was determined that Joint Doctrine was required in order to provide the necessary guidance.
- 2. Purpose.** The purpose of JWP 3-52 '*Humanitarian/Disaster Relief Operations*' is to inform and guide commanders and staff involved in the planning and conduct of military support to foreign humanitarian and disaster relief efforts in a militarily benign environment.
- 3. Context.** JWP 3-52 is an important publication in that it supports a particular type of operation with specific characteristics, in so much as forces are generated to specifically support humanitarian/disaster relief efforts in a given disaster situation – this is the mission.¹ Notwithstanding this, the ethos and guidance provided by higher level publications JWP 0-10 '*United Kingdom Doctrine for Joint and Multinational Operations*' and JWP 3-00 '*Joint Operations*' should still be applied together with the specifics articulated within JWP 3-52. Whilst the scope of this publication does not cover the provision of humanitarian assistance, i.e. a secondary task undertaken within the operational area,² when the mission for generated forces is primarily one of security, the key tenets are likely to be applicable.
- 4.** Given the nature of the subject matter, JWP 3-52 has been produced in close co-ordination with other government department (OGD) stakeholders and acknowledges the input of international and non-governmental organisations (IO and NGO). As such it should be of value to 'head-office' and 'field-worker' elements of the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as well as being of utility to the wider humanitarian community.
- 5. Structure.** Whilst focussed at the Operational level, JWP 3-52 includes appropriate strategic and tactical issues and considerations. It provides guidance to those elements of the MOD and the Joint Force that may be involved in a

¹ For example: Operation BARWOOD in Mozambique (Feb/Mar 00) (Tropical Cyclone) or Operation TELLAR in Central America (Nov 98) (Hurricane).

² For example: The provision of humanitarian assistance by ISAF to humanitarian effort in response to the earthquake in Afghanistan (Mar 02) or by KFOR in response to the KOSOVO refugee crisis.

Humanitarian/Disaster Relief Operation (HDRO) and in the planning and provision of military assistance. The JWP is divided into two parts. Part 1 addresses '*The Nature of Humanitarian/Disaster Relief Operations*' with Chapter 1, aimed specifically at the JTFC, providing an overview of the operational environment. Chapter 2 addresses the roles and responsibilities of involved agencies, both national and international to enable the JTFC and his staff to situate the Joint Force support within the wider response. Part 2 covers '*Planning and Conduct*' of HDRO. Chapter 3 provides more detailed guidance on response methodology, including appropriate capabilities, and the fundamentals of military support to an international relief effort. Annex 3C identifies those military capabilities that may be of particular relevance to an HDRO and should prove useful to DFID and MOD in identifying an appropriate military response. Chapter 4 highlights the planning process and considers the key military planning and force generation considerations. Annex 4A and 4B capture the framework planning process and provide an HDRO Planning Checklist respectively, both of which should provide a useful 'handy-billy' for the busy Joint planner.

LINKAGES

6. JWP 3-52 should be read in conjunction with JDP XX/03 '*Joint Civil-Military Co-operation*'³ which, once it is published, will provide guidance on civil-military interaction in greater detail. If there is potential for evacuation of UK Entitled Personnel (UKEP) then JWP 3-51 '*Non-combatant Evacuation Operations*' should be consulted. JWP 3-45 '*Media Operations*' contains more detailed guidance on the conduct of Media Ops and Media handling on operations and JWP 3-80 provides guidance on '*Information Operations*'.

³ A Joint Doctrine Pamphlet (JDP) on '*Joint Civil-Military Co-operation*' is currently under development and is planned for publication in 2003.

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