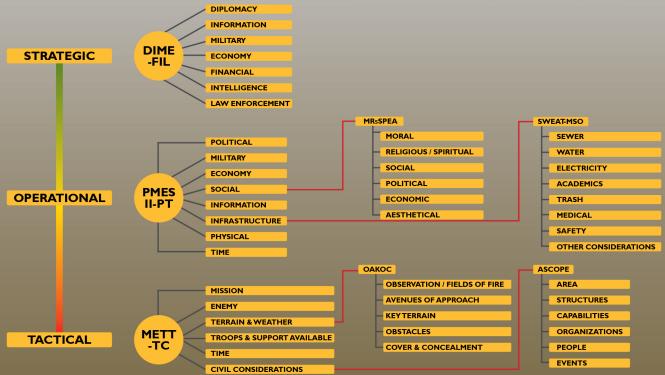
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JOINT MISSION ANALYSIS PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS







STEP 1 - Initiation

STEP 2 - Mission Analysis

KEY INPUTS

- Higher headquarters' planning directive
- Other strategic guidance
- Commander's planning guidance
 - Description of the operational environment
 - Definition of the problem
 - Commander's operational approach
 - · Commander's initial intent

KEY OUTPUTS

Staff estimates

Mission statement

Commander's refined operational approach including:

- · Joint force commander's (JFC's) intent statement
- · JFC's updated planning guidance
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STEP 3 - Course of Action (COA) Development

KEY INPUTS

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KEY OUTPUTS

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- COA alternatives with concept narrative and sketch including:
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 - Kev tasks
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 - · Main and supporting efforts
 - Deployment concept
 - Sustainment concept
 - Information operations support themes
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 - Identification of required supporting interagency tasks

STEP 7 - Plan or Order Development

STEP 4 - Course of Action (COA) Analysis

KEY INPUTS

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KEY OUTPUTS

·Potential decision point

Evaluation criteria

Potential branches and sequels

Refined COAs

Revised staff estimates

STEP 5 - Course of Action (COA) Comparison

KEY INPUTS

Advantages and disadvantages

Wargaming results

Evaluation criteria

Revised staff estimates

KEY OUTPUTS

Fyaluated COAs Recommended COA

·COA selection rationale

Revised staff estimates

Refined commander's critical information requirements

STEP 6 - Course of Action (COA) Approval

KEY INPUTS

Refined COAs

Staff recommendation

JFC's personal analysis (experience & judgment)

KEY OUTPUTS

COA modifications

JFC's COA selection

·Commander's estimate (if required)

Refined commander's intent