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Summary. This regulation provides guidance on Sending State Forces (SSF) activities and assigns responsibilities for coordinating those activities.

Summary of Change. This revision includes administrative changes throughout.

Applicability. This regulation applies to personnel in the Army in Europe who coordinate with SSF in Germany.

Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained, and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2. Record titles and descriptions are available on the Army Records Information Management System website (<https://www.arims.army.mil>).

Supplementation. Organizations will not supplement this regulation without USAREUR Judge Advocate (JA) (AEJA-ILO) approval.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the USAREUR JA (AEJA-ILO, mil 337-4701). Users may suggest improvements to this regulation by sending DA Form 2028 to the USAREUR JA (AEJA-ILO), Unit 29351, APO AE 09014-9351.

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Glossary

1. PURPOSE

a. This regulation prescribes the responsibilities of Army in Europe organizations for coordinating Sending State Forces (SSF) activities. The six Sending States are—

- (1) Belgium.
- (2) Canada.
- (3) France.
- (4) The Netherlands.
- (5) The United Kingdom.
- (6) The United States of America.

b. SSF activities—

(1) Are bilateral or multilateral activities between the United States and the other Sending States that relate to the rights and obligations of forces stationed in Germany.

(2) Include meetings, discussions, and correspondence undertaken by all or some of the six Sending States in Germany.

(3) Do not include NATO activities conducted by NATO organizations.

(4) Reinforce Sending States' rights and fulfill their obligations under—

(a) The NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and Supplementary Agreement.

(b) Other related administrative agreements made between Germany and all or some of the Sending States.

2. REFERENCES

a. Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces (NATO SOFA) (<https://aepubs.army.mil/ae/docs/NSAgreement.doc>).

b. Agreement to Supplement the Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces With Respect to Foreign Forces Stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany (Supplementary Agreement), as amended by the Agreement of 3 August 1959, as Amended by the Agreements of 21 October 1971, 18 May 1981, and 18 March 1993, to Supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to Foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany (Revised Supplementary Agreement) (effective 29 March 1998) (<https://aepubs.army.mil/ae/public/natosofa-1.aspx>).

c. *Auftragsbautengrundsätze 1975 (ABG 75)* (More information is available at [https://aepubs.army.mil/ae/docs/ABG-1975-Handbook\(EnglVers-Feb11\).pdf](https://aepubs.army.mil/ae/docs/ABG-1975-Handbook(EnglVers-Feb11).pdf).)

d. AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS).

e. USEUCOM Directive 56-4 (ED 56-4), Responsibilities Relating to the Federal Republic of Germany (<https://command.eucom.mil/JIHome/Pages/EUCOMPublications.aspx> [portal registration required]).

f. DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

The [glossary](#) defines abbreviations.

4. SSF ACTIVITIES

SSF activities are coordinated through a system of meetings and liaisons. The types of meetings are as follows:

a. Force Commanders Conference. The Force Commanders Conference is a formal meeting of the senior commanders of the six Sending States having personnel stationed in Germany. For the purposes of this regulation, the DCG, USAREUR, is the U.S. SSF commander. This group meets once a year (or as required) to consider and make decisions on recommendations adopted by the forums in subparagraphs b through d below.

b. Heads-of-Mission Meeting. The Heads-of-Mission Meeting is an informal meeting of mission heads held several times a year at a location chosen by the hosting force. The meeting is held to review progress on SSF issues and upcoming activities.

c. Working Groups. Working groups (WGs) ([para 5d\(1\)\(a\) through \(d\)](#)) are the primary forums for subject-matter experts (SMEs) to resolve most SSF issues. WGs may be convened as needed.

d. Special Meetings. Special meetings are held throughout the year.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The Chief, Security Cooperation Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/5/7, HQ USAREUR—

(1) Acts as the head of the U.S. Sending State Mission representing the Army in Europe and U.S. Forces at the Heads-of-Mission Meeting.

(2) Ensures the CG, USAREUR, and the appropriate HQ USAREUR and IMCOM-Europe staff members are informed of SSF issues affecting their areas of responsibility.

(3) Prepares invitations, agenda topics, and lists of attendees; arranges for meals and lodging; and carries out other functions necessary for hosting the Heads-of-Mission Meeting when the United States is the hosting nation.

(4) Hosts appropriate social functions for SSF activities when the United States is hosting.

(5) Attends other SSF meetings and performs other functions when appropriate.

b. The USAREUR Judge Advocate provides—

(1) A permanent advisor to the U.S. delegation of the Force Commanders Conference and Heads-of-Mission meetings.

(2) A legal liaison officer (LLO) to the U.S. Embassy.

(3) A legal SME to represent the Army in Europe at consultative group meetings, attend WG meetings, and, as necessary, prepare a summary of issues raised at those meetings.

c. The LLO—

(1) Assists with and coordinates preparations for the Force Commanders Conference and other meetings with appropriate HQ USAREUR and IMCOM-Europe staff members.

(2) Receives and sends agenda topics and correspondence about SSF activities between USAREUR and other SSF or Government ministries.

(3) As required in the absence of a legal SME from the Office of the Judge Advocate, HQ USAREUR (b(3) above), represents the Army in Europe at consultative group meetings, attends WG meetings, and, as necessary, prepares a summary of issues raised at those meetings.

d. Responsible agents will—

(1) Represent the Army in Europe at their respective WG meetings and lead the U.S. delegation. WGs and their responsible agents are as follows:

(a) Accommodations and environment: IMCOM-Europe.

(b) Construction contracting (ABG 75): IMCOM-Europe.

(c) Telecommunications: USAREUR G6. USEUCOM will head the U.S. delegation to this WG.

(d) Training and exercises: Chief, G37 Training and Exercise Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/5/7, HQ USAREUR.

(2) Appoint SMEs from their command or HQ USAREUR staff office and other HQ USAREUR staff offices to participate in their respective WG.

(3) Coordinate issues raised at WG meetings and prepare correspondence related to those issues. Responsible agents will coordinate correspondence concerning significant SSF issues with the Chief, Security Cooperation Division ([a above](#)).

(4) Prepare the agenda and official minutes of the WG meeting when the United States is the designated chair.

(5) Provide agenda topics, lists of U.S. attendees, and SSF correspondence to the LLO to send to the SSF.

(6) Host WG meetings when the United States is the host. This includes, as a minimum, preparing invitations and making arrangements for meetings, meals, and lodging.

e. Commanders and heads of HQ USAREUR staff offices will ensure that the participation and interests of USEUCOM and other DOD components are considered during SSF meetings.

GLOSSARY

<i>ABG 75</i>	<i>Auftragsbautengrundsätze 1975</i>
ARIMS	Army Records Information Management System
CG, USAREUR	Commanding General, United States Army Europe
DCG, USAREUR	Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Europe
DOD	Department of Defense
HQ USAREUR	Headquarters, United States Army Europe
IMCOM-Europe	United States Army Installation Management Command, Europe Region
JA	judge advocate
LLO	legal liaison officer
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
SME	subject-matter expert
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
SSF	Sending State Forces
U.S.	United States
USAREUR	United States Army Europe
USAREUR G6	Deputy Chief of Staff, G6, United States Army Europe
USEUCOM	United States European Command
WG	working group