



# Operation Unified Protector Experience Brief

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# Outline of Briefing

- Factual Backgrounds
- Mandate
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- Targeting Process
- Targeting Issues
- Q&A

# Factual Background

- 15Feb11: Protests against Regime of Gadhaffi
  - Violent confrontations between protesters and regime forces
  - Resulting in humanitarian crisis
- 26Feb11: Adoption of UNSCR 1970
  - Embargo
- 17Mar11: Adoption of UNSCR 1973
  - Embargo
  - NFZ
  - Protection of civilians
- 19Mar11: Start OOD « Coalition of the Willing »
- End Mar11: NATO OUP

# Mandate UNSCR 1973

- Protection of civilians (OP 4)
  - Take all necessary measures
  - Protect civilians and civilian populated areas in LBY
  - Excluding a foreign occupation force of any form
- NFZ (OP 8)
  - Ban on ALL flights in LBY airspace
  - IOT help protect civilians
- Embargo (OP 13)
  - Arms embargo
  - On high seas

# Mandate UNSCR 1973

- Preliminary Issues

- At War with LBY?
- Implementing UNSCR Vs LOAC (combatancy?)
- Legal Framework: Different or same for OP of UNSCR 1973?
  - Embargo Ops
  - NFZ Ops
  - Protection of civilians/civilian populated areas?
- HA missions EU: MS EU as belligerent parties in OOD/OUP:
  - Members Armed Forces HA: immune from attack
  - Quid neutrality neighbouring states and FOB
- Classification of conflict: mixed conflict
  - Internal: from internal disturbances to NIAC
  - NATO: From IAC to NIAC?
- Impartiality vis-à-vis belligerents (anti-GAD/proGAD)

# Targeting Process and the LOAC

- Targeting processes and cycles: based on LOAC principles
  - ISO military strategic objectives
    - Where the population is not (anymore) under attack/threat of attack
  - Creation of effects
- Guiding principles
  - Compliance with int'l and national laws
  - Preventing own damage
  - Minimize CD/CIVCAS
  - Minimum use of force

# Legal Issues

- Basic principles: PID-ROE-CDE-Cdr's Intent
- OOD => OUP:
  - Different sets of ROE
  - SPINS: bottom up approach (E.g.: NCV/TEA)
- Civil Vs military aircraft
  - Used by mercenaries: military?
  - Flying by anti-GAD?
  - Fixed wing vs slow movers
- Militarizing facilities/compounds
- Human shields
- Snipers
- Mercenaries
- Retreating troops
- Police stations and recruitment stations
- Broadcasting stations

# Conclusion

- Air assets from 16 Nations took part in OUP
- On average: 200 missions/day
- Main focus:
  - Preventing attacks on civilians
  - Main effort from DCA to OCA
- Regime forces
  - From regular to irregular warfare
  - In urban areas: CDE becomes crucial