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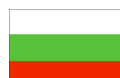
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Mission

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) was established in October 2000 at the initiative of the Swiss government. The Centre encourages and supports States in their efforts to strengthen democratic and civilian control of armed and security forces and promotes international cooperation in this field, with an initial focus on the Euro-Atlantic area.

To implement these objectives, the Centre:

- **collects information, undertakes research and engages in networking activities** in order to identify problems, establish lessons learned and propose best practices in the field of democratic control of armed forces and civil-military relations;
- **provides its expertise and support** in a tailor-made form to all interested groups, in particular governments, parliaments, military authorities, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, academic circles.

Partnerships

DCAF works in close cooperation with national authorities, international and non-governmental organisations as well as relevant academic institutions and individual experts. In its operational and analytical work, DCAF relies on the support of 30 governments represented in its Foundation Council, on its International Advisory Board comprising some 40 renowned experts, its own Think Tank and its working groups. The Centre has established partnerships or concluded cooperation agreements with several research institutes as well as international organisations and inter-parliamentary assemblies.

Work Programme

In order to be able to thoroughly address specific topics of democratic control of armed forces, DCAF have established or plans to establish twelve dedicated **working groups** covering the following issues:

- **security sector reform**
- **parliamentary control of armed forces**
- **legal dimension of the democratic control of armed forces**
- **transparency-building in defence budgeting and procurement**
- **civilian experts in national security policy**
- **democratic control of police and other non-military security forces**
- **civil-military relations in conversion and force reductions**
- **military and society**
- **civil society building**
- **civil-military relations in post-conflict situations**
- **criteria for success or failure in the democratic control of armed forces**
- **civil-military relations in the African context**

Planning, management and coordination of the working groups is centralized in the Centre's Think Tank.

DCAF is providing expertise on bilateral and multilateral levels as well as for the general public.

A number of bilateral projects in the areas of security sector reform and parliamentary control of armed forces have been initiated in support of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine.

At the multilateral level, DCAF implements several projects in the framework of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

To reach specialized and general audiences, the Centre regularly organizes conferences, workshops and other events, produces publications and disseminates relevant information by means of information technology, including its own website (<http://www.dcaf.ch>).

Organization and Budget

DCAF is an international foundation under Swiss law. Thirty governments are represented in the Centre's Foundation Council. The International Advisory Board is composed of the world's leading experts in DCAF's areas of interests, acting in their personal capacity and entrusted with advising the Director of DCAF on the Centre's overall strategy. DCAF staff comprises 30 specialists from 15 nations, who work in four departments: Think Tank, Cooperation Programmes, Information Resources,

Administration / Logistics.

The Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports finances most of the DCAF budget, amounting to 7.1 million Swiss Francs in 2001. Another important contributor is the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Certain member States support DCAF by seconding staff members or contributing to the Centre's specific activities.