ISAF APPENDIX 6:

Compiled List of the Full Range of Known National Caveats Imposed by ISAF TCNs on National Armed Forces Deployed to ISAF in Afghanistan, 2001-2012

(*Please note: Where national caveat restrictions belong to two or more of the following 21 caveat categories, the rule has been placed in the category of greatest significance)

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Campaign in Afghanistan & their Impact on ISAF Operational Effectiveness, 2002-2012.'

The list was created based on the national caveat information gathered during the course of this doctoral research from 2008-2014, especially the data relating to the specific and various constraints imposed by caveat-imposing Troop Contributing Nations (TCNs) within the ISAF mission on their deployed armed forces, over the period of more than a decade of warfare in Afghanistan between December 2001 – December 2012.

For more information on "national caveats" and the impact of national caveat constraints on the effectiveness of the NATO-led ISAF Operation in Afghanistan, in addition to previous UN-led and NATO-led multinational security operations in Angola, Rwanda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, East Timor, Somalia, Mali, Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, please visit www.militarycaveats.com or refer to Dr Regeena Kingsley's full Thesis and its accompanying volume of Appendices (including ISAF national caveat lists), which can be freely viewed and downloaded from Massey University's official website here:

http://mro.massey.ac.nz/xmlui/handle/10179/6984.

Compiled List of 215 ISAF National Caveats in Afghanistan

(1) Mission Caveats (ISAF vs OEF, or other NATO missions)

LIMITING:

(None)

- 1. The participation of any national ground forces (including Special Forces), deployed to the ISAF mission, in activities or operations conducted by the parallel Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) mission in Afghanistan.¹ [Spain, Germany, Turkey]
- 2. The participation of any national aircraft or personnel, deployed to the ISAF mission, in activities or operations conducted by the parallel Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) mission in Afghanistan.² [Spain, Germany, Turkey]
- **3.** The provision of any intelligence, collected from reconnaissance aircraft deployed to the ISAF operation, to the neighbouring OEF operation except where doing so directly supports ISAF operations (intelligence must be distributed solely within the ISAF mission).³ [Germany]
- **4.** Participation of national air crews in the NATO-proposed air traffic coordination and dispersal Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) mission in Afghanistan.⁴ [France and Germany, prior to June 2009]
- **5.** The deployment of national NATO officers to other NATO missions, including NATO's training mission in Iraq.⁵ [Spain]

(2) Theatre of Operations Caveats (Afghanistan vs Pakistan)

LIMITING:

6. Deployment within one kilometre (half a mile) of the Afghan border with Pakistan, unless the national government is consulted and approval granted. ⁶

PROHIBITING:

- **7.** The participation of national forces in operations occurring outside of Afghanistan (beyond the Afghan area of operations).⁷
- **8.** The deployment of national forces within one kilometre of the border with Pakistan (unless national government approval has been specifically sought and given on a case-by-case basis).⁸
- **9.** The participation of national air crews in any controversial cross-border operations into Pakistan. [Germany]

(3) Geographical Caveats

LIMITING:

- **10.** Any deployment to the hostile southern provinces of Afghanistan, except on specific, rare 'time-limited' occasions when national government approval has been sought and explicitly granted. ¹⁰ [Germany, Italy, Spain]
- **11.** Caveat limiting any deployment to the hostile southern provinces of Afghanistan, except on a temporary case-by-case basis where the deployment is considered 'absolutely necessary' for the ISAF mission and national government approval has been sought and explicitly granted. ¹¹ [Germany]

- 12. The deployment of national forces to the 'hostile south' of Afghanistan. 12
- **13.** The deployment of national forces into southern Afghanistan, specifically into RC-South. ¹³ [Finland, Norway, Germany, Italy, Greece, Spain, Turkey]
- **14.** The deployment of national forces anywhere south of the Hindu Kush mountains.¹⁴ [Germany]

- **15.** The deployment of national forces to the east of Afghanistan, specifically into RC-East. ¹⁵ [Finland]
- **16.** The deployment of national forces nationwide into southern or eastern Afghanistan, or any other area of Afghanistan outside of originally assigned locations. ¹⁶ [Sweden, Norway, Spain]
- **17.** The deployment of national forces outside of designated regional command sectors into the south or east of Afghanistan, even in cases of emergency. ¹⁷ [Germany, Sweden, Belgium, France, Italy, Austria]

(4) Regional Caveats

LIMITING:

- **18.** Any deployment of national forces outside RC-West, without a 72-hour stand-down period prior to the deployment for the national government to give approval.¹⁸ [Italy]
- **19.** Any deployment of national forces outside RC-West, without a 6-hour stand-down period prior to the deployment for the national government to give approval.¹⁹ [Italy]
- **20.** Any deployment of national forces outside RC-North unless the deployment is temporary, 'necessary for the success of the ISAF', and approved by the government Minister of Defence.²⁰ [Germany]

- **21.** The deployment of national forces outside Regional Command boundary lines (RC-Capital, RC-North, RC-West, RC-South or RC-East), even when required by the COMISAF, or requested by other allies to mount a response to emergency security situations.²¹ [Greece, and most of the other 25 NATO nations between 2001-2006, prior to the Riga Summit]
- **22.** The deployment of national forces outside own designated Regional Command sector (RC-Capital, RC-North, RC-West, RC-South or RC-East), except in cases of 'emergency' security situations as per the *in extremis* agreement (made November 2006 at the NATO Riga Summit).²² [Imposed by many of the 26 NATO nations]
- **23.** The deployment of national forces outside RC-Capital sector boundaries, except in cases of 'emergency' security situations (post-Riga *in extremis* agreement).²³ [France, Italy, Austria, Greece. Forces frequently not deployed during emergencies in practice, moreover, due to

- on-going arguments about the interpretation of 'emergency' between 2006-2009, especially France]
- 24. Caveat prohibiting the deployment of national forces outside of RC-North sector boundaries, except in cases of 'emergency' security situations (post-Riga in extremis agreement).²⁴ [Germany, Sweden, Belgium. Forces frequently not deployed during emergencies in practice, moreover, due to on-going arguments about the interpretation of 'emergency' between 2006-2009, especially by Germany]
- **25.** The deployment of national forces outside of RC-West sector boundaries, except in cases of 'emergency' security situations (post-Riga *in extremis* agreement).²⁵ [Italy, Spain. Forces frequently not deployed during emergencies in practice, moreover, due to on-going arguments about the interpretation of 'emergency' between 2006-2009 by both Italy and Spain]

(5) Area of Operations (AO) Caveats within Regional Commands

LIMITING:

26. The deployment of Danish national forces outside a defined AO in RC-South, even when required by the COMISAF or requested by other allies to mount a response to emergency security situations, without government approval first being sought and given.²⁶ [Denmark]

- **27.** The deployment of national forces outside Kabul City into the surrounding areas of Kabul Province. ²⁷ [Canada]
- 28. The deployment of national forces outside a 60-kilometre radius from Kabul City. ²⁸ [Greece]
- **29.** The deployment of force personnel based at Kabul International Airport outside the airport compound.²⁹ [Greece, France, Luxembourg, Belgium]
- **30.** The deployment of national forces outside originally assigned suburbs or districts of Kabul City. ³⁰ [France]
- **31.** The deployment of national forces outside of the specific Province within the Regional Command in which contingent was originally based.³¹ [Caveat imposed by 17 TCNs in April 2010]
- **32.** The deployment of national forces outside Kabul Province in RC-Capital.³² [Austria, Italy]

- **33.** The deployment of national forces outside Hirat Province in RC-West.³³ [Italy]
- **34.** The deployment of national forces outside Badghis Province in RC-West.³⁴ [Spain]
- **35.** The deployment of national forces outside Ghor Province in RC-West.³⁵ [Lithuania]
- **36.** The deployment of national forces outside Baghlan Province in RC-North. ³⁶ [Hungary]
- 37. The deployment of national forces outside Uruzgan Province in RC-South, even when required by the COMISAF, or requested by other allies to mount a response to emergency security situations.³⁷ [The Netherlands, 2006]
- 38. The deployment of national forces into the southern Ghormach district of Badghis Province, RC-North.³⁸ [Germany, 2009]
- 39. Caveat prohibiting the deployment of national forces in RC-West beyond a specified distance from Herat City into Hirat Province (less than 100 kilometres). 39 [Italy]
- **40.** The deployment of national forces outside protective military bases. ⁴⁰ [Greece]
- 41. Caveat prohibiting the deployment of national personnel at Kandahar airbase to hostile areas outside the 'secure environment' of the base. 41 [Slovakia]
- 42. The deployment of national forces beyond a specified distance from the Pol-e Khomri PRT within Baghlan Province (RC-North). 42 [Hungary]
- 43. The deployment of national forces outside of the Mazar-e-Sharif PRT area in Balkh Province.⁴³ [Sweden]
- 44. The deployment of national forces within RC-North more than two hours distant from wellequipped hospitals with emergency surgery facilities. 44 [Germany]
- 45. The deployment of national forces to 'hostile' or 'high-risk' zones within provinces or districts.45

(6)	Force	Numbers	Caveats	concerning	the	Force	Strength	or	Size	of	ISAF
Force Contingents (including during Troop Rotations)											

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LIMITING:		
(None)		
PROHIBITING:		

- **46.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 365 troops. ⁴⁶ [Sweden]
- **47.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 375 troops. ⁴⁷ [Sweden]
- **48.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 475 troops. ⁴⁸ [Sweden]
- **49.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 600 troops (a surge of an additional 200 personnel permitted in cases of emergency). ⁴⁹ [Sweden]
- **50.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 800 troops (a surge of an additional 200 personnel permitted in cases of emergency). ⁵⁰ [Sweden]
- **51.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 690 troops. ⁵¹ [Spain]
- **52.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 800 troops. ⁵² [Spain]
- **53.** The deployment of national forces to the Uruzgan PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 1,000 troops.⁵³ [The Netherlands]
- **54.** The deployment of national forces to the Uruzgan PRT in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 1200 troops. ⁵⁴ [The Netherlands]
- **55.** Caveat prohibiting the deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 1,500 troops. ⁵⁵ [Spain]
- **56.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 3,000 troops. ⁵⁶ [Spain]
- **57.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 2,300 troops.⁵⁷ [Italy]
- **58.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 3,500 troops.⁵⁸ [Germany]
- **59.** The deployment of national forces to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 4,500 troops ⁵⁹ [Germany]
- **60.** Force contingents from exceeding troop ceiling within Afghanistan, even temporarily during force rotations. ⁶⁰ [Germany, prior to October 2008]
- **61.** The deployment of any further troops to existing ISAF national contingent. ⁶¹ [Greece, Spain]

(7) Command Caveats concerning Command Arrangements and National Commanders

LIMITING:

- **62.** The National Commander of force contingent from exiting immediate vicinity of Kabul City, without permission from the national chain of command in the capital. ⁶² [Canada]
- **63.** The National Commander of force contingent to travel in any vehicle not agreed to by the national chain of command, regardless of the commander's own preference or recommendation (e.g. one commander was compelled to travel in an armoured vehicle rather than his own choice of a more COIN-suitable sports utility vehicle). ⁶³ [Canada]
- **64.** The requisition of national aircraft by ISAF HQ or other ISAF allies, without explicit national government approval.⁶⁴
- **65.** The COMISAF from over-riding any decision made by National Commanders of national contingents without direct communication with the national government in the capital. ⁶⁵ [Canada, during occasions 2001-2004 when Canadian Generals held the position of overall COMISAF and deputy COMISAF of the ISAF mission]

- **66.** The deployment of National Commanders outside Kabul City. 66
- **67.** The transfer of national forces to ISAF operational control (from national command and control directed from national capitals).⁶⁷
- **68.** The transfer of national QRF forces to Lead Nation operational control within the Regional Commands.⁶⁸ [Norwegian QRF personnel in reference to Lead Nation Germany in RC-North from 2009 onwards, American forces with regard to Lead Nation Britain in RC-Southwest 2010 –present]
- **69.** The deployment of national forces under U.S. command. ⁶⁹ [Spain]
- **70.** Any decision to deploy national forces outside of an assigned PRT area made by ISAF commanders in the field, acting under the authority of the COMISAF (each deployment outside the PRT area must instead be ordered by commanders in the capital city of the home country outside the Afghan theatre of war).⁷⁰ [Sweden]

71. Personal travel by 'peacekeeping' military commanders and personnel individuals into danger zones.⁷¹ [Iceland]

(8) Weaponry and Lethal Force Caveats relating to the Use of Certain Weapons and Other Military Equipment, in addition to the Use of Force

LIMITING:

72. National forces from carrying any weapon at all, without express authorisation (only police officers and explosive ordnance disposal unit personnel authorised to carry weapons).⁷² [Iceland]

- **73.** The use of heavy weapons against adversaries. ⁷³ [Germany, 2001-2009]
- **74.** The use of riot control agents, such as tear gas. 74
- **75.** National forces from carrying or using automatic weapons. ⁷⁵ [Iceland]
- **76.** National forces from carrying arms at all (only unarmed personnel permitted). ⁷⁶ [Iceland]
- **77.** National forces from wearing, 'battle dress' or helmets (appearing like a 'warrior' rather than a 'peacekeeper'). ⁷⁷ [Iceland]
- **78.** National forces from wearing military uniforms (only civilian peacekeeping specialists permitted to deploy to the ISAF mission).⁷⁸ [Iceland]
- **79.** The use of lethal force, unless an attack is taking place or is imminent (permitted only in self-defence). ⁷⁹ [Germany, Finland, Norway]
- **80.** Firing weapons at adversaries except in self-defence. ⁸⁰ [Hungary, Iceland, Germany]
- **81.** Firing weapons at adversaries in self-defence while Enemy forces are moving, either to retreat or re-position. ⁸¹ [Germany]
- **82.** Inclusive or joint/combined applications of force (only 'exclusive' applications of force permitted). ⁸² [United States, 2010-2012, with regard to British personnel in Helmand Province in RC-Southwest]

(9) General Operations Caveats relating to Unauthorised Activities by Force Contingents within the ISAF mission (excluding Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Narcotics activities)

LIMITING:

- **83.** The deployment of national forces on any operation in RC-Capital that 'might risk collateral damage', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation. ⁸³ [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **84.** The deployment of national forces on any operation in RC-Capital where operations might contain 'potential for lethal force', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation.⁸⁴ [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **85.** The deployment of national forces on any operation in RC-Capital where operations might entail 'significant casualties' amongst national forces, without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation. ⁸⁵ [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **86.** The deployment of national forces on any operation in RC-Capital where operations might entail 'strategic failure', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation. ⁸⁶ [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **87.** The deployment of national forces on any operation in RC-Capital where there is a 'reasonable belief' that national personnel 'may be exposed to a higher degree of risk' than in its other operations, without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation.⁸⁷ [Canada, 2004]
- **88.** The engagement of national forces in any activity that went 'outside the boundaries' of the Chief of Defence Staff's guidelines contained in the 'Letter of Intent', without government approval being sought and granted prior participation of national personnel in the task.⁸⁸ [Canada, 2005-2006]

- **89.** The engagement of national personnel in any activity apart from duties conducted at ISAF Headquarters in Kabul Province. ⁸⁹ [Austria]
- **90.** The engagement of national personnel in any activity apart from duties conducted at ISAF Headquarters in Kabul Province (RC-North) and Afghan election support. ⁹⁰ [Austria]

- **91.** The participation or engagement of national forces in any activity other than humanitarian assistance tasks (giving forces a strictly 'stand-aside' role in the mission). ⁹¹
- **92.** The participation or engagement of national forces in any activity other than civil reconstruction work at PRTs (giving forces a strictly 'stand-aside' role in the ISAF mission). [Spain, with regard to personnel at Qal'eh-ye Now PRT in Badghis Province, RC-West]
- **93.** The participation or engagement of national forces in any activity other than civil reconstruction work and counter-narcotics projects at PRTs.⁹³ [Spain, with regard to personnel at Qal'eh-ye Now PRT in Badghis Province, RC-West]
- **94.** The participation or engagement of personnel in any activity apart from PRT tasks and force protection duties. ⁹⁴ [Singapore]
- **95.** National forces (including combat forces) from conducting 'peace-making' activities, as opposed to 'peace-keeping' activities within the ISAF mission. ⁹⁵ [Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Switzerland]
- **96.** The engagement of national forces in any offensive or kinetic combat operations at all (forces are deployed in a strictly 'non-combat' role, only civil reconstruction and humanitarian work permitted). ⁹⁶ [Spain, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey]
- **97.** The participation of national forces in kinetic or offensive combat operations, except in self-defence (force-protection permitted).⁹⁷ [Iceland, Germany (2001-2009), Italy]
- **98.** The participation of national forces in the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) rapid response entity or its operations. ⁹⁸ [Iceland]
- **99.** The participation or engagement of national forces in PRTs. ⁹⁹ [France]
- **100.** Caveat prohibiting the participation or engagement of national forces in mine clearing. ¹⁰⁰ [Italy, Hungary, 2009-2012]

(10) Ground Combat Operations Caveats relating to Combat and Combat Support Operations against Insurgents, conducted by Ground Forces (SOFs, infantry Combat Manoeuvre Units, and QRFs)

LIMITING:

- **101.** The deployment of Special Forces on any operation in RC-Capital where forces might be involved in 'significant activities', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation. [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **102.** The deployment of Special Forces on any operation in RC-Capital that 'might risk collateral damage', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation. [Canada, 2002-2004]
- **103.** Any specific deployment of Special Forces outside RC-North, even upon request of the COMISAF, without explicit case-by-case approval and consent by the national Minister of Defence, as specified in the ISAF mandate. [Germany, post-Riga]
- **104.** The deployment of the national Quick Reaction Force (QRF) entity outside RC-Capital boundary lines, without explicit approval from the national Chief of Defence.¹⁰⁴ [Portugal]

- **105.** The engagement of Special Forces in any offensive or kinetic combat operation. [Slovakia]
- **106.** The participation of Special Forces in any operation, other than force-protection missions (excludes offensive operations and training ANSF forces). ¹⁰⁶ [Slovakia]
- **107.** The participation of Special Forces in any operation apart from tracking down insurgents responsible for recent attacks on national forces. ¹⁰⁷ [Germany]
- **108.** Operations by Special Forces outside RC-North, even under the authority of the COMISAF. [Germany]
- **109.** The deployment of the Regional Command Quick Reaction Force (QRF) entity outside of Regional Command boundary lines, to respond to emergencies 'AOR wide' across the entire theatre of Afghanistan (regardless of SACEUR and COMISAF requests, enforced prior to and even following the Riga agreement). ¹⁰⁹ [Norway, Germany, Portugal]

- **110.** The participation or engagement of national combat ground forces in any ISAF 'war-fighting' offensive combat operation. [Germany, Italy, France, Denmark (prior to Riga Summit 2006), the Netherlands (prior to Riga Summit), Romania (prior to Riga Summit)]
- **111.** Engagement of national infantry in kinetic combat operations, except in cases of emergency whereby national personnel have been attacked by Enemy forces (Special Forces only allowed to conduct kinetic combat operations).¹¹¹ [Australia]
- **112.** National infantry from provoking any offensive engagement or 'fire-fight' with the Enemy. [Australia]
- **113.** Participation of infantry forces in active, kinetic and lethal 'counter-insurgent' operations against insurgents. ¹¹³ [Italy]
- **114.** National infantry from leading offensive operations (units may only act in support of ANA, where ANSF take the lead). 114
- **115.** National ground forces from supporting offensive ground operations conducted by other ISAF nations (e.g. through providing combat support). [Germany]
- **116.** National ground forces from supporting offensive ground operations conducted by other ISAF nations (e.g. through providing combat support), except in support of ANSF forces in Afghan-led combined combat operations. ¹¹⁶ [Italy]
- **117.** The conduct of joint combat ground operations with ground forces of other nationalities (only 'independent' combat operations permitted). ¹¹⁷ [United States, 2010-2012, with regard to British personnel in Helmand Province in RC-Southwest]

(11) Ground Security Operations Caveats conducted by Ground Combat Forces (apart from combat and combat support operations), such as Protection and Reconnaissance Patrols

LIMITING:

118. The conduct of patrols by national combat ground forces, without explicit government authorisation from the national capital. [Italy]

- **119.** Participation of national forces in any security operations at Kabul Airport (only airport operations and training of Afghan air forces permitted). ¹¹⁹ [Iceland]
- **120.** National combat ground forces from conducting 'guard duty' at ISAF bases, airfields or other military installations in Afghanistan. ¹²⁰ [Iceland]
- **121.** Participation in crowd/riot control operations. ¹²¹ [France, Canada between 2002-2004]
- **122.** The execution of foot patrols within Afghan cities (only patrolling within armoured vehicles permitted in townships). ¹²² [Germany]
- **123.** The conduct of security patrols without armoured vehicle support. [Germany]
- **124.** The conduct of foot patrols outside Kandahar Air Field (KAF), unless the patrolling party is comprised of a set number of personnel, at a minimum. ¹²⁴ [Romania]
- **125.** The deployment of national force protection personnel at an ISAF base in RC-West from deploying outside the boundary lines of RC-West in the course of their security operations, except in cases of extreme emergency. [Slovenia, with regard to force protection platoons at an Italian base in Hirat Province]
- **126.** The deployment or placement of force protection personnel at an ISAF base in RC-West from ever being placed 'in harm's way' in the course of their security operations. ¹²⁶ [Slovenia, with regard to force protection platoons at an Italian base in Hirat Province]

(12) Air Combat Operations Caveats relating to Combat and Combat Support Operations against Insurgents, conducted by Air Forces (fighter jets, attack helicopters, reconnaissance aircraft and personnel)

LIMITING:

127. The deployment of bomber pilots and aircraft on any operation in RC-Capital that 'might risk collateral damage', without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation.¹²⁷ [Canada, 2002-2004]

- **128.** The participation or engagement of national air forces in any 'war-fighting' offensive combat operation (defensive combat operations permitted). [Germany, Italy, France, Denmark (prior to Riga Summit 2006), the Netherlands (prior to Riga Summit), Romania (prior to Riga Summit)]
- **129.** National air forces from supporting offensive ground or air operations conducted by other ISAF nations. ¹²⁹ [Germany]
- **130.** Caveat prohibiting the national air forces from supporting offensive ground or air operations conducted by other ISAF nations, except in combined operations led by ANSF forces. ¹³⁰ [Italy]
- **131.** The conduct of 'close air support' missions by national Tornado aircraft, to support ISAF ground forces engaging in combat operations. [Italy, 2001-2009]
- **132.** Providing air cover (conducting close air support) if ISAF ground forces are close to Afghan villages. ¹³²
- **133.** The conduct of 'reconnaissance' missions by national Tornado aircraft, to support ISAF ground forces engaging in combat operations. [Italy, 2001-2009]
- **134.** National reconnaissance Tornado aircraft from performing any combat role. ¹³⁴ [Germany]
- **135.** Joint combat air operations with air forces of other nationalities (only 'independent' combat operations permitted). [United States, 2010-2012, with regard to British personnel in Helmand Province in RC-Southwest]

(13) Other Air Operations Caveats relating to Other Air Operations within Afghanistan (apart from combat and combat support operations), including Transport and MEDEVAC Operations

LIMITING:

(None)

PROHIBITING:

- **136.** The solo flight of any armoured helicopter on operations (air operations must be conducted in pairs, involving a minimum of two aircraft). ¹³⁶ [Germany]
- **137.** Participation of national aircraft, especially helicopters, in air operations above a specific altitude (due to poorly equipped aircraft). 137
- 138. The transport of Afghan civilians aboard national helicopters, even in case of injury. 138

(14) Time Caveats relating to a specific Time of Day or Date in the Year

LIMITING:

(None)

- **139.** Participation of national security ground forces in any security operation or patrol undertaken at night, under cover of darkness. [Germany]
- **140.** Any deployment of national security ground forces from military bases after nightfall (all national troops must also return to base before nightfall). ¹⁴⁰ [Germany]
- **141.** The participation of national security aircraft and personnel in security or reconnaissance operations conducted at night after dusk, or at any time under cover of darkness. [Germany]
- **142.** The transport of national military personnel on transport aircraft at night after dusk, or at any time under cover of darkness. [Germany]

- **143.** The conduct of Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) operations at night after dusk, or at any time under cover of darkness. ¹⁴³ [Germany]
- **144.** PRT security personnel from conducting security patrols at night, undertaken under cover of darkness. ¹⁴⁴ [Germany, Hungary]
- **145.** PRT security personnel from deploying outside the PRT at night after nightfall (units must also return to base before nightfall). ¹⁴⁵ [Germany]
- **146.** The conduct of any activity or task by PRT military and civilian development personnel within the PRT at night, after nightfall. [Germany]
- **147.** National military and civilian development personnel from exiting the PRT base at night, after nightfall. [Germany]
- **148.** The deployment of national forces outside of protective military bases on days of national significance, such as national statutory holidays. ¹⁴⁸ [Italy in RC-West]

(15) Weather Caveats relating to Atmospheric Conditions

LIMITING:

(None)

- **149.** Participation of national ground forces in any operation taking place in winter conditions, such as after snowfall. ¹⁴⁹ ['South European' nations, ostensibly Spain, Greece and Italy]
- **150.** Participation of national air forces in any operation taking place in winter conditions, such as after snowfall. ¹⁵⁰ ['South European' nations, ostensibly Spain, Greece and Italy]

(16) Counter-Terrorism Caveats relating to ISAF Counter-Terrorism (CT) Operations

LIMITING:

(None)

- **151.** The participation or engagement of national ground forces in ISAF counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. ¹⁵¹ [Turkey, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands, Denmark, Estonia, and Romania prior to the 2006 Riga Summit]
- **152.** The participation or engagement of national air forces in ISAF counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. ¹⁵² [Turkey, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands, Denmark, Estonia, and Romania prior to the 2006 Riga Summit]
- **153.** The support of ISAF ground forces in counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. ¹⁵³ [Turkey]
- **154.** The support of ISAF aircraft or personnel in counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. ¹⁵⁴ [Turkey]
- **155.** The distribution of reconnaissance photographs taken by reconnaissance aircraft to ISAF participating nations if there is a risk that the photographs might be used by these nations in ISAF counter-terrorism efforts. ¹⁵⁵ [Germany]

(17) Counter-Narcotics Caveats relating to Counter-Narcotics (CN) Operations

LIMITING:

(None)

- **156.** Participation of any kind by national forces in counter-narcotics interdiction operations. ¹⁵⁶ [Australia, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, Turkey and others, imposed by a total of 17 TCNs in 2007 including 5 TCNs operating in RC-South]
- **157.** Participation or engagement of ground infantry combat forces in counter-narcotics operations. ¹⁵⁷ [France]
- **158.** Participation or engagement of Special Forces in counter-narcotics operations. ¹⁵⁸ [France]
- **159.** Participation or engagement of any PRT *military* personnel in counter-narcotics activities that could heighten the threat to national personnel. ¹⁵⁹ [Lithuania, in regard to Chaghcharan PRT in Ghor Province, Hungary with regard to Pol-e Khomri PRT in Baghlan Province]
- **160.** Participation or engagement of any PRT *civilian* personnel in counter-narcotics activities that could heighten the threat to national personnel. ¹⁶⁰ [Lithuania, in regard to Chaghcharan PRT in Ghor Province, Hungary with regard to Pol-e Khomri PRT in Baghlan Province]
- **161.** Any lead role of national forces in counter-narcotics interdiction operations in Afghanistan (only CN support activities permitted). ¹⁶¹ [Germany]
- **162.** Participation of national forces in any counter-narcotics operations or activities which do not also involve ANSF forces (preferably in a lead role). ¹⁶² [Germany]

(18) ISAF Cooperation Caveats relating to the Cooperation of National Ground and Air Forces with ISAF Personnel deployed by Other ISAF Force Contributing Nations

LIMITING:

(None)

- **163.** The participation of national forces in joint or combined operations in which national forces would be required to deploy alongside ISAF troops contributed by a historical rival. [Seemingly Greece with regard to both Turkey and Macedonia]
- **164.** Caveat prohibiting national forces from sharing equipment with another ISAF ally in a joint area of operations (a PRT in RC-North). [Bulgaria]
- **165.** The transport of ISAF military personnel from other ISAF force contributing nations on national aircraft. ¹⁶⁵ [Germany]
- **166.** The sharing of insurgent-related intelligence gained from Tornado reconnaissance flights with ISAF participating nations which participate in ISAF offensive operations. ¹⁶⁶ [Germany]
- **167.** The sharing of insurgent-related intelligence gained from Tornado reconnaissance flights with other ISAF nations via the NATO CETRIXS or BICES computer networks (intelligence will be shared selectively with nations on the basis of bilateral intelligence sharing agreements.¹⁶⁷ [Germany]
- **168.** The sharing of insurgent-related intelligence gained from Tornado reconnaissance flights with ISAF participating nations which simultaneously contribute to the OEF mission (for example American, British or French forces). ¹⁶⁸ [Germany]
- **169.** The sharing of insurgent-related intelligence gained from Tornado reconnaissance flights with individual military commanders involved in both the ISAF and OEF operations (for example, the COMISAF). ¹⁶⁹ [Germany]
- **170.** The communication of information through combined, inclusive communication systems (only 'segregated communication systems' may be used by U.S. forces). ¹⁷⁰ [United States, 2010-2012, with regard to British personnel in Helmand Province in RC-Southwest]

171. Shared, inclusive reporting of information (only 'exclusive reporting' permitted by U.S. personnel). ¹⁷¹ [United States, 2010-2012, with regard to British personnel in Helmand Province in RC-Southwest]

(19) ANSF Cooperation Caveats relating to Cooperation of National Forces with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) (in particular constraining OMLT and POMLT teams in their task of training and mentoring Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP) units)

LIMITING:

- **172.** The deployment of OMLTs outside of Kabul Province, unless permission is sought and received from the national capital.¹⁷² [France]
- **173.** The deployment of OMLTs outside the immediate vicinity surrounding PRTs, without explicit authorisation from the national government in the capital. [Sweden]
- **174.** Participation of national POMLTs in Focused District Development (FDD) police training programs, unless the district in question is within one hour's drive of a national PRT or other national military installation.¹⁷⁴ [Germany]

- 175. Closely cooperating or working with ANSF forces. 175
- **176.** The transport of Afghan military personnel aboard national helicopters, even in case of injury. ¹⁷⁶
- **177.** Donations of lethal equipment to ANSF forces (for example, Kalashnikov AK-47's). ¹⁷⁷ [Finland, 2006-2007]
- **178.** Contributing national forces to battalion-level OMLTs, employed for the training and mentoring of ANSF forces. ¹⁷⁸ [Finland]
- **179.** The engagement of Special Forces in ANSF training or mentoring (which might as a matter of course also include offensive operations). ¹⁷⁹ [Slovakia]
- **180.** Special Forces from participating in the training or mentoring of ANSF units. ¹⁸⁰ [Sweden]
- **181.** The deployment of OMLTs nationwide outside Regional Command boundary lines alongside their ANSF units when conducting 'partnering' operations (teams are not permitted to operate nationwide). [Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Greece, Sweden, France]
- **182.** The deployment of OMLTs outside originally assigned AO locations (districts or provinces within Regional Commands), when conducting 'partnering' operations. [Sweden, Germany, Hungary]

- **183.** The deployment of national OMLTs outside of a 60-kilometre radius from Kabul City alongside their ANSF units when conducting 'partnering' operations. ¹⁸³ [Greece]
- **184.** The embedding of national OMLT personnel within ANA 'kandaks' (battalions). ¹⁸⁴ [Denmark]
- **185.** The participation of OMLTs from participating or engaging in any ISAF 'war-fighting' offensive combat operation. [Finland]
- **186.** The participation or engagement of national OMLT personnel in offensive operations alongside ANSF units, during 'partnering' operations. ¹⁸⁶ [Hungary]
- **187.** National OMLT s and other national personnel involved in the training of ANSF forces from conducting combat operations (or assuming any combat role) during training or 'partnering' operations with ANSF forces. ¹⁸⁷ [Turkey]
- **188.** National POMLTs from partnering with Afghan ANP in operations beyond the scope of normal law enforcement, that is 'purely civilian government activity' (counter-insurgent or combat operations with the paramilitary ANP not permitted). [Germany]
- **189.** National POMLTs from deploying with ANP units outside of Regional Command sector boundaries. ¹⁸⁹ [Germany with regard to RC-North]
- **190.** National POMLTs from conducting operations in conflict areas. ¹⁹⁰ [Germany]
- **191.** National POMLTs from deploying with ANP units outside of assigned military base within Regional Command. [Germany with regard to Kunduz base in RC-North]
- **192.** National POMLTs deployed as part of the EUPOL contingent from exiting their military base for the duration of their deployment. [Germany]
- **193.** National POMLTs from recruiting security contractors. ¹⁹³ [Germany]
- **194.** National POMLTs from involving or participating with security contractors in the conduct of police training and mentoring operations. ¹⁹⁴ [Germany]
- **195.** National POMLTs from conducting operations outside the immediate vicinity of military bases. ¹⁹⁵ [Germany]
- **196.** National POMLTs from conducting training or mentoring operations beyond the protection of national combat forces and medical support. ¹⁹⁶ [Germany]

(20) PRT Security Operations Caveats relating to Security Operations conducted by PRT Security Units in and around Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Locations

LIMITING:

- **197.** National personnel from mounting an armed response to insurgency-related security situations, except in self-defence. [Hungary with regard to Pol-e Khomri PRT in Baghlan Province]
- **198.** National personnel from deploying outside the PRT without explicit government authorisation from the capital. ¹⁹⁸ [Italy with regard to the Herat PRT in Hirat Province]
- **199.** National personnel from making excursions into 'insecure districts' of the PRT Province without prior approval from the government in the national capital. ¹⁹⁹ [Spain with regard to districts within Badghis Province, RC-West]

- **200.** National personnel from conducting regular patrols in the immediate area around PRTs (confined to activities only within PRTs). ²⁰⁰ [Germany, prior to October 2008]
- **201.** National personnel from conducting security operations outside of PRTs. ²⁰¹ [Germany]
- **202.** National personnel from patrolling beyond a defined distance from the PRT (for example, between 10-80 kilometres, often preventing joint international patrols from PRTs). ²⁰² [Turkey, Singapore]
- **203.** National personnel from deploying beyond a specified distance from the PRT within Baghlan Province. ²⁰³ [Hungary]
- **204.** National personnel from conducting security patrols on terrain other than the main roads around the PRT. ²⁰⁴ [Hungary]
- **205.** National personnel from executing foot patrols within PRT townships (only patrolling within armoured vehicles permitted). ²⁰⁵ [Germany]
- **206.** National personnel from conducting patrols within PRT townships without armoured vehicle support. [Germany]
- **207.** Military personnel at PRTs from taking an active role in counter-insurgency operations. ²⁰⁷ [Spain]

(21) PRT Stability Operations Caveats relating to Stability Operations conducted by Military-Civilian Humanitarian and Development Aid Personnel at Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Locations

LIMITING:

- **208.** National personnel from deploying outside the PRT without explicit government authorisation from the capital. ²⁰⁸ [Italy with regard to PRT personnel based at the Herat PRT in Hirat Province]
- **209.** National personnel from making excursions into 'insecure districts' of the PRT Province without prior approval from the government in the national capital. ²⁰⁹ [Spain with regard to PRT personnel based at the Qal'ey-ye Now PRT in Badghis Province]

- **210.** Civilian personnel deployed to the ISAF by government development aid departments from working with national military forces in Afghanistan.²¹⁰ [Sweden with regard to development aid SIDA personnel in RC-North]
- **211.** Civilian aid personnel deployed to the ISAF by government development aid departments from working near to localities where national military forces operate or are based.²¹¹ [Sweden with regard to development aid SIDA personnel in RC-North]
- **212.** The deployment of civilian personnel outside of a PRT's immediate surrounding area. ²¹² [Sweden with regard to Mazar-e-Sharif PRT in Balkh Province]
- **213.** National military and civilian personnel from operating outside the borders of PRT bases. ²¹³ [Germany]
- **214.** National military and civilian development personnel from staying outside the PRT base AO overnight. ²¹⁴ [Hungary]
- **215.** Military and civilian development personnel from taking an active role in counterinsurgency operations.²¹⁵ [Spain with regard to the Qal'ey-ye Now PRT in Badghis Province]

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