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Appendix 5.7: Security Briefing

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Abbreviations

BoO	Base of Operations
ERS	Emergency Response Section
EMT	Emergency Medical Team
GDACS	Global Disaster Awareness and Coordination System
GRG	Guidelines Review Group
HNPW	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week
HNS	Host Nation Support
IEC	INSARAG External Classification
IER	INSARAG External Reclassification
IMTST	Information Management Technical Support Team
IRNAP	INSARAG-Recognised National Accreditation Process
INSARAG	The International Search and Rescue Advisory Group
ISG	INSARAG Steering Group
LEMA	Local Emergency Management Authority
NAP	National Accreditation Process
NGOs	Non-governmental organisations
OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OSOCC	On-Site Operations Coordination Centre
RDC	Reception and Departure Centre
RSB	Response Support Branch
UCC	USAR Coordination Cell
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue
UN	United Nations
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
VOSOCC	Virtual On-Site Operations Coordination Centre

1 Security briefing

Content and structure:

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Local geography

- Cover neighbouring/bordering countries. □ Major logistical hubs (airports, harbours, etc.) □ Topographical layout.
- Main features.
- Centres of population.
- Use maps – visual aids.
- Routes and road conditions.

1.1.2 Local history

- Major dates and events.
- Ethnic groups – size and locations.
- Dependability in history – influence by others.
- Major source of income (industry, farming, mining) and locations.

1.1.3 Political issues

- Major political parties and/or personalities.
- Aims, objectives and trends.
- Level of influence.
- Other relevant issues.

1.2 Your mission – other stakeholders – new players

- Your mission, role and mandate.
- Your locations and footprint.
- Location of national deployed assets.
- Location of other international stakeholders. □ Civil-military cooperation and coordination.

1.3 Security

1.3.1 General security

- General security situation.
- Recent security incidents.
- Armed groups, factions, combatant.
- Sensitivities/natural hazards.
- Other aspects that affect security (e.g. crime).
- Hazmat.

1.3.2 Threats and risks

- General threat and risks.
- Response to threats.
- Movement restrictions or “Out of bounds” places or curfews. □ Other organisation's threat levels (e.g. UN-Phase system).

1.3.3 Security Plan

- General outline and purpose of plan.
- Where to find it.
- Procedures on Hibernation, Relocation and Evacuation (activation, safe haven, routes, priorities etc.)
- Office emergency and security procedures (fire or bomb, safe rooms – hibernation).

1.4 Medical Plan – Contacts

- International medical aid (Medical Doctor- Civilian or Military) □
Local hospitals (recommended and not). □ Locations and Contacts (use map).
- What is recommended to carry with you.
- Medical kits (vehicles/buildings).
- Medical situation on-site (diseases). □ Dangerous animals, plants.

1.5 Local laws and customs

- Local police.
- Other relevant emergency services.
- Significant laws (unusual or different).
- Contacts (if relevant and functional).
- Driving rules.
- Special dress code.
- Other local customs.

Questions and answers?