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1. SITUATION. Russia has amassed an invasion force of medium and heavy armor and mobile artillery on the Russo-Georgian border. Retasked satellite imagery shows the division-sized force preparing to advance on the border through a number of key mountain passes. While vehemently denying any preparation for invasion of Georgia, satellite images clearly show this force preparing to advance on the border and enter Georgian sovereign territory. Georgia has demanded NATO support to repel the Russian force. Until NATO mobilizes a peacekeeping force, the United States has committed an Expeditionary Operations Group to be based at Kobuleti Air Base, Georgia.

A. AREA OF INTEREST.

The country of Georgia.

B. AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(1) Terrain. The Russo-Georgian border lies along some of the most mountainous stretches of the Caucasus Mountain range. This mountain range stretches along the northern length of Georgia and has served as a natural defensive line except for a number of key mountain passes which would surely provide passage for the Russian armor.

(2) Weather. The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range plays an important role in moderating Georgia's climate and protects the nation from the penetration of colder air masses from the north. The Lesser Caucasus Mountains partially protect the region from the influence of dry and hot air masses from the south.

Much of western Georgia lies within the northern periphery of the humid subtropical zone. Eastern Georgia has a transitional climate from humid subtropical to continental. The region's weather patterns are influenced both by dry Caspian air masses from the east and humid Black Sea air masses from the west.

C. ENEMY FORCES.

A division-sized body of BRDM and BDM/BMP infantry fighting vehicles appear to be supported by the same number of medium and heavy armor tanks and mobile artillery. Upwards of a hundred mobile SAM and AAA vehicles are also clearly visible as are several hundred medium and heavy cargo support vehicles. This force is massed on the steppes just north of the Russo-Georgian border.

D. FRIENDLY FORCES.

GEORGIAN. The Georgian military is composed as a Defense Force primarily made up of 40,000 personnel most of which are conscripted males aged 18. Career Non-Commissioned and Commissioned Officers provide the command structure within Ground Arms, Special Operations Forces, Air Force, National Guard, and Army and Territorial Defense Force branches of the military.

COALITION. Currently there is very little in the way of NATO forces within Georgia. Initially, the U.S. has activated and deployed the 19<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey as the initial command element and has committed two flights of A-10C and F/A-18C. Georgia has promised a 4-ship element of SU-25 but currently has not committed to an ETA of this flight.

2. MISSION. The 19<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group is tasked with providing the command element for deployed U.S. and Coalition air assets as they arrive in-country. The 19<sup>th</sup> EOG will provide initial Close Air Support, Combat Air Patrol, Ground Attack, and Suppression of Air Defense capabilities as well as any other tasking as directed by HQ USAFE or higher command.

### 3. EXECUTION.

a. Commander's Intent. The deployed air assets of the 19<sup>th</sup> EOG will carry out the above (but not limited to) mission-taskings as directed by HQ USAFE and/or higher directed authority. Under these orders, the air assets of the 19<sup>th</sup> EOG will provide for the defense of the country of Georgia, its people, their property, and their welfare to maintain a free and independent state.

b. Concept of operations. Mission Taskings will be authorized by the Commander, U.S. Air Forces, Europe and carried out by Commander, 19<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group. Flight Leaders will be the final command element and will be responsible for the flight/support personnel, aircraft, and equipment within their charge. All orders will be carried out without question and will be subject to the UCMJ and the US/Georgian Status of Forces Agreement (US/GSOFA).

c. Scheme of Movement and Maneuver. Commander, 19<sup>th</sup> EOG will be responsible for developing and carrying out mission-specific Tactical Training Procedures (TTP) which will be configured and dedicated to 19<sup>th</sup> EOG taskings and criteria. The 19<sup>th</sup> EOG's Support Staff will forward all TTP's to Commander, HQ USAFE for authentication.

d. Casualty Evacuation. Currently, a dedicated CASEVAC platform does not exist outside of the Georgian Military although the US/GSOFA outlines a dedicated rotary-winged platform for Coalition CASEVAC use. The 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/SG will serve as Commander, U.S. Medical Elements once they arrive in-country.

### 4. SUSTAINMENT.

a. Logistics/Personnel Services Support. Kobuleti Air Base will serve as home-station for 19<sup>th</sup> EOG. The Georgian military has committed a dozen housing-trailers for use by 19<sup>th</sup> EOG personnel support staff. Flight crew and their Crew Chiefs will be housed within hardened facilities on the flightline to allow for expeditious entry to their aircraft.

b. Arms / Armament / Equipment / Rations. All arms/weapons and equipment authorized for use by 19<sup>th</sup> EOG personnel will be provided by Commander, 39<sup>TH</sup> Air Base Wing, Incirlik Air Base. The 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/CC will provide a daily Logistical SITREP to IAB/CC addressing deficiencies against authorizations.

c. Health System Support. As stated above, the 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/SG will serve as senior U.S. Medical representative and will liaison with the indigenous medical staff to provide routine and emergency medical services to deployed 19<sup>th</sup> EOG personnel. The 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/SG's staff will provide emergency, preventative, routine, and in-flight medical care and treatment of ill or injured 19<sup>th</sup> EOG and Coalition personnel.

### 5. COMMAND AND CONTROL.

a. Command. Per US/Georgian SOFA, 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/CC will be headquartered at Kobuleti Air Base and will report directly to Commander, USAFE unless otherwise directed by higher authority.

b. Control. 19<sup>th</sup> EOG/CC will submit daily SITREP to Commander, USAFE via SIPRENET.