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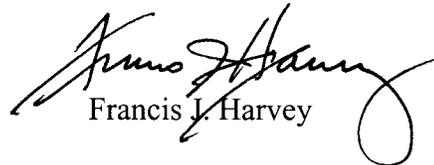
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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Multinational Force and Observers (MFO)-Sinai In-theater Command and Control Responsibilities

1. In response to the concerns raised by the Army G-3/5/7, I approve the transfer of in-theater Command and Control (C2) – for Task Force (TF) Sinai – Administrative Control (ADCON) responsibilities from United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) to Army Forces Central Command (ARCENT). A transfer of ADCON to ARCENT would incorporate TF Sinai into the CENTCOM Commander's overarching regional plan and provide better oversight of these US military forces operating within his area of responsibility.
2. Based on the recommendation of the ARCENT Commanding General, the transfer of ADCON C2 will occur in conjunction with the establishment of the 1st Theater Support Command (TSC), which is currently organized as the 1st Corps Support Command (COSCOM). The 1st COSCOM, under XVIII Airborne Corps and FORSCOM, has the mission to support TF Sinai and should continue to do so while this command and support relationship is still in effect. Since the 1st TSC becomes aligned under ARCENT effective 1 November 2006, this is the logical time to make the ADCON transfer from FORSCOM to ARCENT. This timing allows for the necessary planning and a proper transfer of responsibilities between commands.
3. The current C2 structure for the United States elements of the MFO (TF Sinai) was developed in 1982 under a very different operational environment. Today, the threat situation in the Sinai has changed significantly and the geo-political environment is much more volatile. There have been five bombing/improvised explosive device attacks in the region since October 2004 and the threat is ever evolving. This new threat can only be mitigated by greater and more effective force protection assistance, streamlined intelligence sharing and a more optimum C2 structure.
4. FORSCOM will remain the force provider of US personnel to the MFO-Sinai and will retain ADCON of TF Sinai for pre-deployment requirements and activities. At Transfer of Authority, ARCENT will assume ADCON responsibilities.


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