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Cabinet adopts changes to the Humanitarian Mine Action Architecture in Ukraine

Background:

In December 2018, the Ukrainian Parliament enacted [the Law of Ukraine on Mine Action](#), which established the foundational framework for the Mine Action sector and foresaw the establishment of special governmental institutions such as the Mine Action Centre (MAC) and Centre of Humanitarian Demining (CHD) to lead the national mine action response.

Building on this legislative foundation, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine also took a significant step in November 2021 by issuing a [Decree that formalized the creation of the National Mine Action Authority \(NMAA\)](#).

During a special period, including martial law, the NMAA is placed under the leadership of the Minister of Defence of Ukraine. As Ukraine works towards the restoration of its territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders, a transitional arrangement will see the NMAA's leadership transition to the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine as per the norms of the Law of Ukraine on Mine Action. This decision is to be made by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Recent legislation developments

- **Transferring Coordination Role from Ministry of Reintegration of TOT to Ministry of Economy:**
On April 21, 2023, the Cabinet via [Decree No. 366](#), delegated the authority for coordinating the implementation of humanitarian demining state policy to the First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine - Minister of Economy.
Previously, this authority rested with the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine - the Minister for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine.
- **Expanding NMAA membership:**
On June 9, 2023, [Cabinet Decree No. 505-p](#) was enacted, implementing changes to the composition of the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) and incorporating the Deputy Minister of Economy into the NMAA's membership.
- **Establishing the Centre of Humanitarian Demining:**
On April 7, 2023, the ["Centre of Humanitarian Demining" was established through Cabinet Resolution No. 303-p](#) based on the recommendation of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine.
- **Transfer Management**
On April 21, 2023, the [Cabinet issued a resolution № 358-p](#) transferring the institution 'Center of Humanitarian Demining' from the management of the State Emergency Service to the management of the Economic and Financial Department of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

- **By-laws on CHD developed:**
Subsequently, on May 22, 2023, the Economic and Financial Department of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the Regulations of the Centre of Humanitarian Demining and the Regulations of the Supervisory Board of the Centre of Humanitarian Demining through Orders No. 42 and No. 43, respectively.

The Center of Humanitarian Demining (CHD): key duties and functions

The responsibilities of CHD are multifaceted and cover various aspects of mine action and explosive ordnance risk reduction thus encompassing the following range of powers:

| RESPONSIBILITY | DISCRIPTION |
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| Plans and Strategy Development | Develops strategies and plans for mine action activities and resource allocation. This involves collaborating with relevant stakeholders to develop strategies that effectively address the challenges posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war. |
| Information Management | Collects, organizes, and disseminates data related to mines and explosive hazards. Gathers data on explosive ordnance (EO) incidents affecting the civilian population. Assesses impacts of explosive hazards on communities and informs strategies to mitigate risks. Compiles data related to the Mine Action needs of the civilian population with the purpose of supporting tailored interventions to the specific requirements of affected communities. |
| Recommendations and Advocacy | Contributes to the development of national standards in mine action. Help establish consistent procedures, methodologies, and safety measures for demining operations through recommendations provided to the NMAA Advocates for the establishment and implementation of a unified training system for demining personnel with an aim of creating uniform skill base for persons engaged in demining operations. |
| International Collaborative Initiatives | Participates in international collaborations related to mine action with the aim of fostering knowledge exchange, best practices sharing, and collective efforts to address global landmine challenges. |

Ensuring the operation of CHD through key governance bodies

CHD is governed by key management bodies, namely the **Supervisory Board** and the **Economic and Financial Department** of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. On-going management of CHD is carried out by its Director.

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| | The Supervisory Board |
| Composition and/or Line Management | The total number of its members cannot exceed seven and consists of a chairman, two vice-chairmen, and members of the Supervisory Board. The composition is approved by the State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine based on proposals provided by the First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, who is also the Minister of Economic Development of Ukraine. The term of office for the Supervisory Board members is three years. Meetings of the supervisory board can be regular or extraordinary. Regular meetings of the supervisory board are held no less frequently than once per quarter. |
| Key Tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervises compliance with CHD's purpose, approves its strategic directions and activity plans, and controls its implementation. • Selects the competition winner for the position of CHD's director and submits a proposal to the State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for the appointment of the competition winner as CHD's director. |
| | Economic and Financial Department |
| Key Tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributes to the financial management and oversight of CHD's activities. • Helps to guarantee utilization of resources, adherence to budgetary constraints, and overall financial sustainability of CHD's endeavours. • Makes decisions on the reorganization and liquidation of CHD, and approves its regulations, as well as the regulations of the Supervisory Board. • Exercises control over their compliance, enters into and terminates contracts with CHD's director, approves the organizational structure and staffing, as well as any changes to them, and approves appointments to positions and dismissals of CHD's deputy directors. |
| | CHD's Director |
| Composition and/or Line Management | At the operational level, assumes a pivotal role in steering the day-to-day activities. The appointment and dismissal of the Director rests with the State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, following the recommendations of the Supervisory Board. The Department enters into a contract with CHD's Director for a term of 1 to 5 years and monitors its implementation. |
| Key Tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the proper organization of CHD's activities, implementation of tasks assigned to it, and preparing proposals for improving CHD's work. • Represents CHD's interests in its interactions with government authorities, local self-government bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, associations, and other entities. • Annually submits CHD's activity plan for approval to the Supervisory Board and reports to it on the results of the activities in accordance with the approved plan. |

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