

Ministry of Defence of Georgia



Defence Reform in Georgia



Three key messages

- **Serious and radical defence transformation**
- **Active contribution to international security**
- **Already a de-facto NATO ally**



MoD of Georgia has achieved significant progress in all 3 priority areas

NATO integration

Conducting Strategic Defence Review

Creating forces capable to support international operations

Implementing Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP) – an essential tool towards NATO integration

Improving management system

Establishing an effective civilian control over GAF

Improving social conditions of military and civilian personnel

Improving combat capabilities

Implementing structural changes in the Georgian Armed Forces (GAF)

Developing a defence planning system



Civilian Control

- Appointment of civilian Defence Minister and creation of a civilian office in 2004
- Integration of former troops of Ministry of Internal Affairs into the Ministry of Defence
- New law on Defence Planning (provides Parliamentary authority for MoD to conduct critical functions supporting national security and NATO integration)



Defence Budget

- **Increased by 6 times since 2003**
 - Political will of the new Government to implement a sound defence reform
 - To catch up the gap in infrastructure and social conditions
 - To improve capabilities and NATO interoperability

- **Budget in**
 - 2003: 0,7% of GDP
 - 2004: 1.7% of GDP
 - 2005: 3.2% of GDP
 - 2006: 3.0% of GDP



Improving of Social Conditions

- In 2004-2005 MoD has significantly improved:
 - infrastructure
 - working/living conditions for civilian/military personnel
- Salaries have been grown significantly since 2004
 - average increase 200-250 %
 - for some units and MoD personnel by 6-15 times



SDR process

- **Strategic Defence Review was initiated in October 2004 in order to define the optimal force structure for year 2010, considering current security environment and resources available;**
- **Phase 1:**
 - **assessment of combat capabilities of units**
 - **full inventory of infrastructure & personnel**
- **Phase 2:**
 - **National Security Concept – a milestone for Georgia’s security vision**
 - **Threat Assessment – determine force requirements**
 - **National Military Strategy - a basis for military planning and development**



Structural Changes within GAF

- **Phase 3:**
 - **In 2004 new interim structure was approved:**
 - subordinated all service commands to CHoD
 - improved overall command and control
 - **Joint Staff and Land Forces Command are now established**
 - trained with NATO staff procedures
- **Work on optimal force structure continues**



Improving combat capabilities

- **Old and obsolete armament has been disposed and replaced**
- **Outcome of the defence reforms is: improved**
 - **Manning**
 - **Logistics**
 - **Communications**
 - **Military training**
 - **US: GTEP, SSOP**
 - **UK: BMATT**
 - **Germany: NCO School**
 - **France: Mountain Training Centre**



Promoting International Security

- **Georgia is an active contributor to NATO-led and Coalition stability operations**
 - More than 1000 military personnel (8% of entire GAF) are deployed in international peacekeeping and anti-terrorist operations in Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan
 - In per capita terms Georgia is the second largest troop contributor in Iraq after USA
- **International peacekeeping operations increase the level of NATO interoperability**
- **Georgia is not only a consumer of international security but a provider as well**



Individual Partnership Action Plan

- **NATO integration is a priority of Georgia's foreign and security policy**
- **IPAP has been an effective tool for structuring reform of the Georgian Armed Forces, enhancing cooperation, and building interoperability with NATO:**
 - Strategic Defence Review
 - Doctrine development
 - Military personnel management and development
 - Roles and missions for military forces
 - Training standards
- **Successful implementation of IPAP should drive Georgia towards MAP membership in 2006**



Conclusion

- **convincing performance in both reforming its military forces and contributing to international security**
- **ready to take its place as a full-fledged member of the Euro-Atlantic community**