

## **Newsletter**

### **SWIRMO day three**

Today's topics were Rules of Engagement and its related Handbook.

The Rules of Engagement (RoE) are orders or directives that can be issued by political or military authorities and that determine the limits of when, where, how and under which conditions and limitations the use of force is possible to accomplish military objectives. The RoE are defined by operational considerations, national policy and the applicable law of every State.

An interesting consideration is when these RoE need to be defined in the framework of multi-national operations, since every participating country may have a different legal basis for military operations and may obey different national policy priorities and objectives.

RoE in multi-national operations allow for countries to make National Caveats based on their own legal and political realities and thus enable multinational operations (e. g. NATO).

A mention was made about the RoE Handbook, published by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo as a guide allowing increased control in operations and providing decisional autonomy to commandants of medium and lower rank, once previously issued orders and directives exist.

Tomorrow

Participants will start practical exercises.