National Strategies – Emerging Strategic Context

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The Overall Classification of the Briefing is UNCLASSIFIED
Demographics

• **Youth Bulge**

DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Russia**: Contracting
- **India**: Expanding
- **U.S.**: Stationary
- **China**: Contracting
Low Pressure characterized by relative stability, economic strength, declining population, and accepted norms.

High Pressure characterized by instability, resource challenges, unemployment, and youth bulges.

**Speed of frontal movement impacts level of turbulence.**
**Complex Simultaneous Challenges**

**Tier 1**
- Nations are the main actors
- Deterrence and warfighting
- GCCs plan campaigns with support from FCCs
- Whole-of-Nation effort
- Authorities: Title 10, Title 50, Title 6, Title 14, Title 22, Title 32

**Tier 2**
- Trans-regional threats
- SOF-centric, emphasizes Phase 0 and Phase I
- Building Partner Capacity
- Authorities: Title 10, Title 22, Title 50

**Tier 3**
- Natural or man-made disasters
- DoS or UN-led, DoD in support
- Authorities: Title 22, Title 14, Title 32, Title 10

**Tier 4**
- International criminal organizations
- Homeland Security-led, DoD in a “detect and monitor” role
- Authorities: Title 6, Title 14, Title 50, Title 32, Title 10

**Simultaneous Strategies**

- TIER 1: Inter-State War
- TIER 2: Trans-Regional Insurgencies
- TIER 3: HA/DR
- TIER 4: Trans-national criminal organizations
Widening income disparities
Persistent structural unemployment
Cyber espionage
Confidence in economic policies
Misinformation rapidly impacting markets
Emerging markets
Devaluing currencies
Crude Exports in 2018 and Growth in 2012-18 for Key Trade Routes*

(million barrels per day)

* Excludes Intra-Regional Trade

Red number in brackets denotes growth in period 2011-18
A world rich in water, for some

- Physical scarcity
- Near physical scarcity
- Economic scarcity
- Little or no scarcity
- Not estimated

Source: Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture,
World Health

• Pandemics
• Antibiotic resistant TB – India
• World War Z Pic on US Ship

GLOBAL HEALTH
Military expenditure by region, 2003-2012
"Strategy is about balancing ends, way, and means..."

Rebalance – Core theme for the FY14 QDR

- Restore readiness for the full spectrum of potential conflict
- Permanent, prepositioned, and rotational presence balanced with surge capability
- Restore readiness for both our known commitments and for inevitable surprise.
- Maintain an efficient “tooth to tail” ratio
- Leverage the unique attributes of Active, Guard, and Reserve forces.
Main Areas of Higher Risk

• More difficult conventional fights
  • Defend / Defeat / Deter vs. high to mid intensity ops incur higher risk
• Reliance on allies and partners
  • Unlikely to completely mitigate capacity reductions
• Reality of global responsibilities
  • Objective tied to U.S. policy commitments extraordinary and growing more difficult

Other Risk Areas

• Service capacity
  • Land forces in particular
• Contested environment capabilities
• Forced entry capability
• Caps vs. deeply buried & hardened targets
  • Able to track & destroy mobile launchers

Risk Mitigation

• Investments
  • Space, Cyber, SA, Intelligence, Standoff Strike platforms & weapons, undersea superiority, and counter cruise and ballistic missile technology
  • Finding & developing leaders of consequence, competence & character
• New operational concepts
• New organizations & formations
• Joint Force synergy