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Ramstein, 14 February 2011 – From 4 to 15 April 2011 the NATO Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) Uedem conducts Exercise Ramstein Dynamo 2011 (RADO 11) in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, in the Uedem, Kalkar, Weeze and Mönchengladbach area.

RADO 11 is a Deployment Readiness Exercise (DEPREX) designed to train Joint Force Air Component (JFAC) staff in their functional roles in order to maintain currency and to validate readiness for deployed operations. This collaborative exercise involves NATO, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) and national staffs.

The RADO11 scenario is fictitious and specifically designed to provide the necessary backdrop for a two-part exercise. It assumes a United Nations primacy with NATO participating as a result of international agreement and national request. Two distinct “moments in time” have been designed into the scenario to best achieve training objectives.

Part 1 sees lead JFAC elements deploying into a theatre of operations. On 4 April the exercise starts with an air insertion at Weeze Airport by the 435th U.S. Air Ground Operations Wing followed by the JFAC's Air Operations Liaison Reconnaissance Team (AOLRT). The team carries out tasks such as reconnaissance, liaison with local entities and Host Nation representatives, and conducts Humanitarian Assistance operations similar to and drawing on the lessons from the recent Haiti and Pakistan natural disasters.

Part 2 of the exercise trains personnel of CAOC Uedem in their functional roles in a deployed mode in a fictitious theatre of operations. These elements will plan and execute air operations from the military installation at Kalkar.

RADO 11 Part 1 involves approximately 100 participants in the exercise area and Part 2 sees some 200 personnel.

“RADO 11 is conducted according to NATO’s philosophy to maintain forces capable to respond to all operational needs,” says General Dieter Naskrent, DEU Air Force, who commands CAOC Uedem, “RADO 11 brings together nations’ and NATO’s air expertise. During both exercise parts the participating organisations will demonstrate their air capabilities and improve interoperability.”

The exercise provides training for staff from the key participants: NATO's Headquarters Allied Air Command (HQ AC) Ramstein, the Alliance's Deployable CAOC Uedem, 435th U.S. Air Ground Operations Wing, 603rd U.S. Air Operations Centre, and 86th U.S. Airlift Wing.

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Note to editor:

A Media Day is scheduled for the 7 April to portray portions of RADO 11. A separate media advisory is to follow.

A NATO Media Operations Centre will be established for RADO 11 at Uedem from 30 March to 15 April. For further information please check the HQ AC Ramstein website www.airn.nato.int , contact LtCol Thomas Dillschneider at airn.pao@airn.nato.int or phone +49 6371 40 2060.