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## ANNEX 3-04 COUNTERSEA OPERATIONS

### THE COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE FORCES

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Two central ideas—the principle of unity of command and the tenet of [centralized control and decentralized execution](#)—underpin the way the Air Force organizes for operations. In any operation involving Air Force forces, a [commander, Air Force forces](#) (COMAFFOR), will exercise command over operational and administrative matters of the forces assigned and attached. Forces provided to the COMAFFOR will normally conduct operations as part of an air expeditionary task force. In this manner, COMAFFOR can present the joint force commander a tailored, task-organized, integrated package with the proper balance of force, sustainment, and force protection elements. **The COMAFFOR, whether acting as Service component commander or dual-hatted as Joint Force Air Component Commander, should be prepared and equipped to perform countersea operations either in support of maritime forces or as a supported commander if directed by higher authority.**