



## **INFORMATION-RELATED CAPABILITIES: INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE**

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[Information operations](#) (IO) planning, execution, and assessment rely heavily on tailored [intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance](#) (ISR). While [information-related capabilities](#) (IRCs) separately rely on ISR support for their array of individual application, IO integrated employment of IRCs requires concerted, tailored ISR support in its own right. ISR is defined as “an activity that integrates the planning and operation of sensors, assets, and processing, exploitation, and dissemination systems in direct support of current and future operations. This is an integrated intelligence and operations function.”<sup>1</sup> The IO team’s affiliation with the Air Force forces (AFFOR) operations directorate and the [combat operations division](#) of the [air operations center](#) (AOC) enables an inherent close coordination for the operations aspect of ISR. Similarly, the IO team maintains habitual coordination with the AFFOR intelligence directorate or AOC [ISR division](#) for the intelligence aspect of ISR. The intelligence directorate or ISR division may opt to establish an [IO intelligence integration](#) (IOII) function to dedicate intelligence support to IO.

Establishment of a dedicated IOII function satisfies IO’s needs, which require advanced and timely coordination to establish baseline characterizations of the information environment, analyze current intelligence for nuanced IO application, develop detailed targeting packages, and conduct complex effects assessments. Furthermore, the IOII element is a conduit for translating and internally coordinating IO’s requirements with the intelligence collection management and production cells.

See Annex 2-0, [Global Integrated ISR Operations](#), for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> JP 2-01, [Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations](#).