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ANNEX 3-30 COMMAND AND CONTROL

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL (ADCON)

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Administrative control (ADCON) is defined as the “**direction or exercise of authority over subordinate or other organizations with respect to administration and support.**” This includes organization of Service forces, control of resources and equipment, personnel management, unit logistics, individual and unit training, readiness, mobilization, demobilization, discipline, and other matters not included in the operational missions of the subordinate or other organizations.

ADCON is not a warfighting authority like that found in combatant command (command authority), operational control, tactical control, or support relationships. Normally the commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR) exercises ADCON over assigned Air Force personnel, and at least those elements of ADCON that are necessary to ensure mission accomplishment over those Air Force personnel attached to the Air Force component command. G-series orders implement Service ADCON authority by detailing those aspects of support that are necessary for the mission, and the relationship the gaining organization possesses over assigned or attached units and personnel. For example, the authority to exercise ADCON could include such elements as building a tent city, ordering supplies and equipment, authorizing training sorties, conducting exercises, working assignment actions for personnel, developing budget requests, protecting personnel, and recommending awards and decorations.

Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) authority is inherent in command authority, and is distinct from ADCON. However, G-series orders implementing ADCON may incorporate references to UCMJ authority. In specific contingency operations, the G-series order may retain one or more of these authorities in the parent unit. For attached forces, those elements of ADCON that are not specified to be gained by the COMAFFOR to whom the forces are attached, are retained by the parent Service organization to whom the Air Force forces are permanently assigned.