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## ANNEX 3-30 COMMAND AND CONTROL

### COORDINATING AUTHORITY

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Coordinating authority is defined as **“the commander or individual who has the authority to require consultation between the specific functions or activities involving forces of two or more Services, joint force components, or forces of the same Service or agencies, but does not have the authority to compel agreement.”** In the event that essential agreement cannot be obtained, the matter shall be referred to the appointing authority. Coordinating authority is a consultation relationship, not an authority through which command may be exercised.

Coordinating authority may be exercised by commanders or individuals at any echelon at or below the level of [combatant command](#). Coordinating authority may be granted and modified through a memorandum of agreement to provide [unity of effort](#) for operations involving Reserve component and regular component forces engaged in [interagency](#) activities. The common task to be coordinated should be specified in the [establishing directive](#) without disturbing the normal organizational relationships in other matters.

Coordinating authority is more applicable to planning and similar activities than to operations. Coordinating authority is not in any way tied to force assignment. Assignment of coordinating authority is based on the missions and capabilities of the commands or organizations involved.