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ANNEX 3-12 CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS

POLICY RELATED TO COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION OF CYBERSPACE FORCES

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According to the Deputy Secretary of Defense (DepSecDef), all [combatant commands](#), military departments, and other defense components need the ability to operate unhindered in [cyberspace](#); the domain does not fall within the purview of any one particular department or component. The [Unified Command Plan](#) assigns US Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) the mission of synchronizing planning for cyberspace operations, in coordination with other combatant commanders (CCDRs), the Services, and, as directed, other US government agencies; and executing selected [cyberspace operations](#). To support USSTRATCOM's cyberspace mission requirements, the commander of USSTRATCOM (CDRUSSTRATCOM) further delegated [operational control](#) (OPCON) or [tactical control](#) (TACON) of designated cyber forces to the commander of US Cyber Command (CDRUSCYBERCOM).¹

¹ Derived from USCC CONOPS, dated 21 Sep 2010.