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## ANNEX 3-30 COMMAND AND CONTROL

### **COMBATANT COMMAND (COCOM)**

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Combatant command (command authority) (COCOM) is defined as **“nontransferable command authority, which cannot be delegated, of a combatant commander to perform those functions of command over assigned forces involving organizing and employing commands and forces; assigning tasks; designating objectives; and giving authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, joint training, and logistics necessary to accomplish the missions assigned to the command.”**

COCOM is exercised by commanders of [combatant commands](#) (CCMDs) as directed by the President or the Secretary of Defense. COCOM should be exercised through the commanders of subordinate organizations such as subordinate [joint force commanders](#) and Service and/or functional component commanders. COCOM provides full authority to organize and employ commands and forces as the [combatant commander](#) (CCDR) considers necessary to accomplish assigned missions. (Note that the acronym “COCOM” refers only to the command authority, not to an individual or an organization.)