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ANNEX 3-60 TARGETING

CHANGES DURING DYNAMIC TARGETING

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The COD should be ready to respond with new targeting information in order to provide seamless operations when changes occur. These include:

- ✦ Responding to changes in friendly operations. For instance, if an aircraft that was tasked to prosecute a target has to abort for maintenance reasons, the COD should know the target's relative priority in order to provide appropriate targeting guidance. If the target is low priority, it may be best to place it on a subsequent day's ATO. If it is of higher priority, COD personnel may determine how best to direct or divert resources to prosecute it. COD personnel may have the best picture of what resources are available to prosecute it and what diverting resources may cost. Likewise, if an aircraft or package is diverted to prosecute a TST, the COD should identify the target(s) which may no longer be struck, as well as the new target which may be attacked. This information should be passed to the targeteers and collection managers to ensure coordinated collection and assessment on these new targets.
- ✦ Responding to changes in weather. A target planner's actions may be similar to when he responds to changes in friendly operations. Further, changes in weather may require changes to the platforms and/or weapons required to engage a particular target. Target planners should ensure that the AOC weather specialty team is engaged.
- ✦ Re-targeting. If a target that was to be prosecuted is no longer a viable target for whatever reason, targeteers should have alternate targets to assign to a strike mission. Time is important because assets may already be airborne.
- ✦ Responding to TSTs. When a TST is identified, the COD should decide the best time to engage it. COD targeteers are involved in these efforts and provide guidance to planners concerning the characteristics and vulnerability of the target. Targeteers should be familiar with possible targets so that quick assessments and guidance can be given before the window of opportunity to strike the TST is gone.