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## ANNEX 3-60 TARGETING

### **NUCLEAR TARGETING**

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Nothing discussed within this document, including LOAC and targeting implications, precludes the use of nuclear weapons. Nuclear targeting mirrors the conventional targeting principles discussed, with consideration given for specific weapons effects. Commanders must assess the military as well as political impact a nuclear strike would have on their operations. Nuclear planning guidance issued at the CCDR level is based on national-level political considerations and is influenced by the military mission. Air Force targeteers assigned to US Strategic Command conduct nuclear planning in coordination with supported CCDRs and certain allied commanders. However, the supported commander does not effectively control the decision to use nuclear weapons.