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(Unintended) Effects Based Operations; Dealing with Secondary Effects

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Dealing with Secondary Effects

Objective: Session participants understand the intellectual and logical foundations of an effects based approach

Desired effects to be achieved

- (1) you are aware that nations, and some non-state actors, may be considered as complex adaptive systems
- (2) you appreciate that an action taken to influence a complex adaptive system will also produce secondary effects
- (3) you recognize the advantages of a system of systems analysis to effects based operations.

Effect #1: You are aware that nations, and some non-state actors, may be considered as complex adaptive systems

System: regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole...under the influence of related forces

Complex: Multiple interacting parts

Adaptive: elements react to external as well as internal stimuli.

Effect #2: You appreciate that an action taken to influence a complex adaptive system will also produce secondary effects

To alter the state of a system, it is necessary to understand the interaction of the elements that make up the system. It is impossible to change one element of the system without affecting the remaining elements.

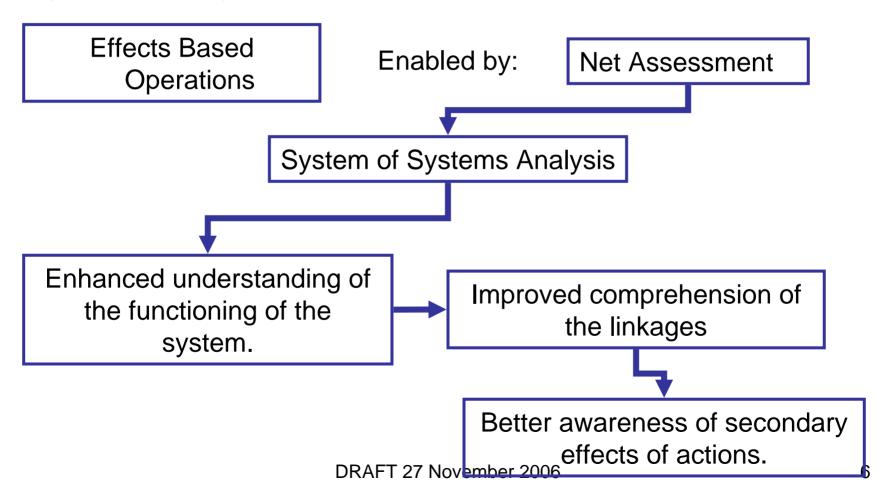
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Effect #3: You recognize the advantages of a system of systems analysis to effects based operations

Effective decision making requires a net assessment capability that harnesses the current political, military, economic, civil, information and infrastructure factors that affect all actors.

Bi-SC Strategic Vision, August 2004

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Whither the CCRP?

Theme: Exploration and adoption of

Command and Control to meet the

challenges of the 21st Century

Concept: Effects Based Operations

Driver: System of Systems Analysis

Capability: Identification of key systems, design

of desired effects and assessment

of their subsequent impact