

ART 7.3.4.3 Support Elections

Military forces may be required to provide security assistance to the host-nation civil authorities or international election commission agencies to prevent the disruption of elections. The primary role of military forces in support of elections is to facilitate civil order by providing a secure environment and should not be perceived as influencing the election outcome. U.S. forces should not be perceived as influencing elections by endorsing political platforms, parties, or candidates. Ideally, host-nation government and institutions will have the lead in developing and implementing elections with U.S. military in a supporting role. This support may include assisting the electoral commission in the planning and coordination of the election execution process and augmenting the indigenous security forces, as directed. Overt U.S. forces involvement in elections may be perceived as detrimental to an open, democratic, and legitimate election and taint the outcome. Planning and execution must be consistent with U.S. law, military guidance, and host-nation government regulations. The integrity of the election is the responsibility of the host-nation government or international election commission.

NO.	Scale	Measure
01	Yes/No	Unit identified American Embassy and task force commander's guidance on roles, responsibilities, instructions, and parameters for U.S. forces.
02	Yes/No	Unit ensured military support roles and responsibilities complied with U.S. laws, military guidance, and host-nation regulations.
03	Yes/No	Unit coordinated planning with the lead election security agency (international police tasks force, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, mayor, or local police).
04	Yes/No	Unit coordinated security mission requirements with joint, interagency and multinational observers, election commission, host-nation government, and indigenous security forces.
05	Yes/No	Unit monitored intelligence and civil information reports for potential security issues and other contingencies.
06	Yes/No	Unit assessed security force capability and vulnerability

		to accomplish mission requirements.
07	Yes/No	Unit conducted area and route security assessment.
08	Yes/No	Unit helped develop shaping security plans prior to election.
09	Yes/No	Unit helped develop decisive security plans during conduct of election.
10	Yes/No	Unit helped develop contingency security plans for various election outcome scenarios.
11	Yes/No	Unit augmented host-nation security forces in providing area security and reconnaissance in pre-elections, during elections, or post-elections, as required.
12	Yes/No	Unit implemented contingency plans in a timely manner to mitigate effects of a disruptive situation or crisis.

Supporting Collective Tasks:

Task No.	Title	Proponent	Echelon
-----------------	--------------	------------------	----------------