Legal Considerations for Maritime Peace Support Operations

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• Maritime operations distinguished from land operations

• Peace support operations distinguished from use of force operations

• Implications for legal advisors in planning and conduct of operations
COMMAND and CONTROL

- National and alliance command and control concepts and understandings
- National concurrent missions
- Embarkation of non-nationals for mission duties
DETAINEES

- Advising on when to detain
- Standard of treatment
- Transferring detainees
INFORMATION HANDLING

- Collection of information
- Sharing of information
- Use of information
• SEA as a problem in peacekeeping operations

• Aspects unique to maritime environment

• Legal measures to prevent SEA in maritime environment
TAKEAWAYS

• Peace support operations at sea take place in a setting that is legally complex

• A strong understanding of partners’ command and control concepts is critical to effectiveness

• Vigilance for evidence of sexual exploitation and abuse is required in all peacekeeping operations
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