

Forum: GA1 Disarmament and International Security

Issue #G1-03: The Regulation of Military Drills

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Introduction

The objective of this committee is to ensure peace and diplomacy and avoid armed conflicts. After World War I and II, humanity has been really worried about making those same mistakes and costing human lives. The Regulating of Military Drills makes sense, countries shouldn't need an army if they are not thinking of engaging in a war. But it's also true that having soldiers ready to defend your country in case something happens makes everyone feel some sense of safety. The regulation of military drills is one way in which countries attempt to prepare their military forces for potential conflict while also minimizing the risks associated with training exercises.

When talking about regulation we may be intending to create low risks of the world's war history repeating itself again, but it may also increase vulnerability for other countries. We cannot eliminate armies, they are in charge of more things, not only the violent part, so is regulation possible? What would it mean to regulate in terms of military activities?

To maintain military effectiveness they go through systematic training. Military drills are carefully regulated by laws and policies. In some countries, military drills are very controlled to ensure their effectiveness and safety.

Definition of Key Terms

Drill

“Or military exercise is the preparation of soldiers for military performance, trains them to battle and be familiar with their weapons.” (*Drill | Military | Britannica*, n.d.)

Regulation

To have control of the situation, For example: to not allow more than a number of soldiers in the army.

Issue Overview

Military drills have a long history, think of the first civilization of warriors, from Ancient Greece or even Rome when war was the solution for many conflicts. Soldiers would undergo this rigid training to improve their technique and readiness.

Through time, technology evolved and so did weapons so as a consequence military drills had to evolve as well. Nowadays, the regulation of military drills is more formal, and established across world-specific policies and rules. Military drills are a core component of military exercise.

“Military history reveals that armies throughout the world participated in some form of drill. The primary value of drill, historically, is to prepare troops for battle. For the most part, the drill procedures practiced are identical to the tactical maneuvers employed on the battlefield. Drill enables commanders to quickly move their forces from one point to another, mass their forces into a battle formation that affords maximum firepower, and maneuver those forces as the situation develops.” (Chapter 1, 2021)

https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR_pubs/DR_a/ARN32297-TC_3-21.5-000-WEB-1.pdf

Historical Background

This issue has no materials on being discussed before, be encouraged to find solutions to this very important issue.

Latest Events

“The last time North Korea launched a missile into the Pacific was October 2022, when it fired a Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile over Japan, flying a distance of 4,600 kilometers (2,860 miles), and marking the longest distance traveled by a North Korean missile to date.” (Lee, 2023)

“North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) just hours before the leaders of South Korea and Japan were due to meet for landmark talks. Both Japanese and South Korean officials confirmed the long-range missile's launch on Thursday morning. It flew about 1,000km (620 miles) landing in waters west of Japan.” (Gozzi & Ng, 2023)

Major Parties Involved

South Korea

This country is known for having a very strict army. Teaming with USA against North Korea, having this ongoing tension, “The South Korean and US militaries will conduct military exercises from March 13 to 23 to strengthen their combined defensive capabilities, the two militaries said in a statement on Friday.” (S Korea, US to Hold Joint Military Drills Despite N Korea Warning, 2023)

North Korea

The country has a lot of attention because of the issue mentioned before regarding also USA and S. Korea.

Russia

This past year, the country has given big priority to its military. China and South Africa joined the team too, and aimed all the military drills to Ukraine. “That “challenge” looked set to take on a possible new degree of severity in February, when a state-run Russian news agency said the

Russian frigate Admiral Gorshkov would take part in the drills and conduct a "training launch" of a Tsirkon missile, taking aim at a "surface target" more than 310 miles away." (Russia and China Launch Large-Scale Military Drills Amid Tensions With US, 2022)

China

The attempt of this country of conquering Taiwan island is very dangerous. A lot of military drills and weapons have been used. *"China's military says it carried out military exercises around the self-ruled island of Taiwan that focused on land and sea assaults, the second such drill in less than a month."*

France

The country has a massive military exercise, in fact the biggest in decades. Integrating also countries from the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) *"700 French soldiers from the 8th Marines Infantry Parachute Regiment and an associated company from the 17 Engineer Parachute Regiment were dropped on an airstrip in Castres by 3 A400M transport planes. Another 3 aircraft dropped 48 hours' worth of equipment and supplies for the force to secure and hold the area. B Company, 2nd Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles from the British Army then assisted with holding the airfield, while being totally integrated into French 11e Brigade Parachutiste. During another phase, 700 amphibious troops came ashore from the French Navy's amphibious ships Tonnerre and Mistral, along with vehicles and equipment. They disembarked in the coastal town of Sète before pushing north to practice area control operations. Amongst them was a detachment of U.S Marines, totally integrated with French Commandos, who carried out reconnaissance, surveillance, and sabotage." (Video: France Holds the Biggest Military Exercise in Decades - Orion 23, 2023)*

Timeline of Events

It is hard to ubicate the events of the issue discussed since there has been a lot of conflicts and it continues to be. I would divide this conflict in North Korea between the USA and South Korea, these countries have a very turbulent relation, with several threats and a lot of tension.

Russia also has some history in the regarding issue. Starting with the fact that the country is in an ongoing war against Ukraine, military is clearly needed. *"Russia and China have launched large-scale military exercises involving several allied nations, in a show of growing defence cooperation between Moscow and Beijing as they both face tensions with the US. The maneuvers are also intended to demonstrate that Moscow has sufficient military might for massive drills even as its troops are engaged in fighting in Ukraine." (Russia and China Launch Large-Scale Military Drills Amid Tensions With US, 2022)*

"North Korea launched a short-range ballistic missile toward the sea on Sunday, its neighbors said, ramping up testing activities in response to ongoing U.S.-South Korean military drills that it views as an invasion rehearsal." (North Korea Launches Missile Into Sea Amid U.S. and South Korean Military Drills, 2023)

Relevant UN Treaties and Events

Although there are no present UN treaties regarding the subject of military drills, the United Nations always aims towards peacekeeping strategies and agreements between conflicting nations. You, as delegates, should thus aim too, to find gray areas between the country you are representing and their contestants in order to be able to reach a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Possible Solutions

The solution that comes to mind is to eliminate all armys. No country should be allowed to have one that way the world wouldn't have risks of an armed conflict happening. Another solution and maybe a more reasonable and likely to be accepted by delegations is to come up with a very regulated and evaluative list, which includes all the assets the military exercises should include. With this research report we encourage all delegations to indagate more in the solutions given or if possible to create new and creative solutions, having into account what it is best for everyone.

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