

- Establishing an air command and control system, which includes deployable forces and integrates with other Romanian national systems.

The transformation of the ROU AF should be neither a goal per se nor an isolated target. Aligning with our NATO allies and other partners, identifying and overcoming cultural, informational, physical, financial and organisational barriers, is possible when the whole process is based on principles, requirements and rules accepted and consistently applied throughout the Alliance in accordance with Alliance transformational goals. What follows are some rules or, rather, tenets of the transformational process.

The Transformation Process

The transformation process is a strategic necessity. It must be

moulded and influenced by the imperious needs of the information age, integrated fighting capabilities of Joint coalition warfare, and by the network enabled capabilities. Specifically, Air Power's effectiveness in the information age will be determined by:

- The capacity to provide and assimilate information.
- Instant access to information.
- Speed of reaction.

The transformation process is a technological necessity. The combination of technological progress, globalisation, and scientific development has created some significant trends for the evolution of strategy and defence planning, which include:

- The advance of technology regarding sensors, data processing and targeting systems throughout the Defence Industry. This rise was made possible both by technological means

and the co-evolution of operational concepts, as well as by improvements to training and experimentation.

- The increase of nuclear biological chemical (NBC) and intercontinental ballistic missile threats by way of experts, materials and technology transfer to hostile countries and by the development of ballistic missile technologies in countries with hostile regimes.
- The possible increase of a new military space and cyber-space race as many states develop micro and nano-satellite capabilities and offensive information operations capabilities, which can be used to attack both trade and military systems.
- The increased potential to use new information technologies to gain information and knowledge for the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The transformation process is a threat-determined necessity.



Romanian Forces ramp ceremony at Kabul International Airport.