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ILLUSTRATIVE PLANNING SCENARIOS (U)*for Sustainability & Readiness*

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- do not imply any strategic or programming priority among regions; and
- are not the basis for sizing the overall Base Force structure.

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(U) Accordingly, these scenarios are to be used as an analytical tool where necessary for the formulation and assessment of specific defense requirements and programs. In particular, these scenarios enable planners and programmers to devise and examine defense programs for appropriate levels of mobility, readiness, sustainment, and modernization, and other elements of the capability to employ decisive combat power. They thereby help ensure balance and consistency among types of forces, and across various Components' supporting programs.

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