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DEFINITION OF MAAG. The term "Military Assistance Advisory Group," as used in this manual, encompasses security assistance organizations known as joint US military advisory groups, joint US military groups, US military missions, US military advisory groups, US military groups; and organizations known as Defense Field Offices, Office of Defense Cooperation, or Defense Attache Offices with US military representatives who are responsible for security assistance. The trend is toward smaller organizations and away from the designation "MAAG."

THE MAAG AS A JOINT ORGANIZATION. The MAAG is a joint group normally under the military command of the unified commander. The Chief, MAAG, is a member of the US country team (USCT) and represents the Secretary of Defense. He is responsible for keeping the ambassador informed, providing him advice on military security assistance matters and military aspects of IDAD. The Chief, MAAG, insures that military security assistance matters are coordinated with other US departmental representatives in the host country.

TYPE MAAG ORGANIZATION. A MAAG is normally divided into Army, Navy, and Air Force sections, each of which is responsible for accomplishing its service portion of MAAG activities. In a large MAAG, there may be joint, general, and special staffs. If the MAAG has an operational or training mission, it will have advisors who advise host country counterparts on operational and training matters. Each MAAG must be tailored to the host country to which it is assigned. For this reason there is no standard MAAG organization. For purposes of illustration, the organization shown in figure 6-4 is representative of a MAAG organization. This organization can be assisted in its advisory and training function by temporary assignment of survey teams, MTTs, technical assistance field teams (TAFTs), or technical assistance teams (TATs). These teams, which will temporarily augment and serve under the control of the MAAG, are generally paid for by the host country.

MAAG FUNCTIONS

GENERAL. The primary mission of the MAAG is to administer US military security assistance programs in the host country and, in an IDAD situation, to assist the host country armed forces with their IDAD programs and operations (fig 6-4). Chapters 4 and 5 provide the US Army MAAG advisor doctrine on the US concept for host country IDAD planning, organization, operations, and campaigns. Although MAAG missions vary according to existing host country requirements and US interests, they generally include advice and assistance concerning one or more of the following:

- Resource management.
- IDAD organization, plans, operations, and training.
- Military educational programs.
- Grant aid equipment, supplies, services, and training (including programming and monitoring responsibilities).
- Planning for and acquiring US FMS materiel, services, and training.