

Operational Environment Overview



Strategic Landscape and Must-Solve Problems Posed by the Enemy

China as pacing threat; Russia, Iran, North Korea, VEOs/TCOs enduring; potential for collusion

- 1. Systems Warfare/Systems Destruction:** Adversaries target C2, ISR, and fires to disrupt/destroy U.S./Allied/partner decisionmaking
- 2. Contested RSOI:** Adversaries and their proxies are developing increasing capabilities to disrupt fort-to-port operations
- 3. Increased Lethality:** Mass and precision across all domains make protection increasingly difficult on a highly transparent, highly automated battlefield
- 4. Contested Logistics:** Adversaries will use antiaccess/area denial, cyber, and asymmetric strikes to target sustainment from the Homeland to the battlefield
- 5. Adversary Superiority in the Cognitive Domain:** Widespread influence, disinformation, and information operations against U.S./Allies/partners before, during, and after kinetic operations
- 6. Other Threats to Homeland:** Kinetic and nonkinetic threats to critical infrastructure (military/civilian) and industry
- 7. Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear Use:** Adversaries expanding threats and capabilities while lowering threshold for their use as a deterrent



Adversaries will systematically exploit vulnerabilities to expand targeting capabilities throughout the operational theater, including the Homeland