

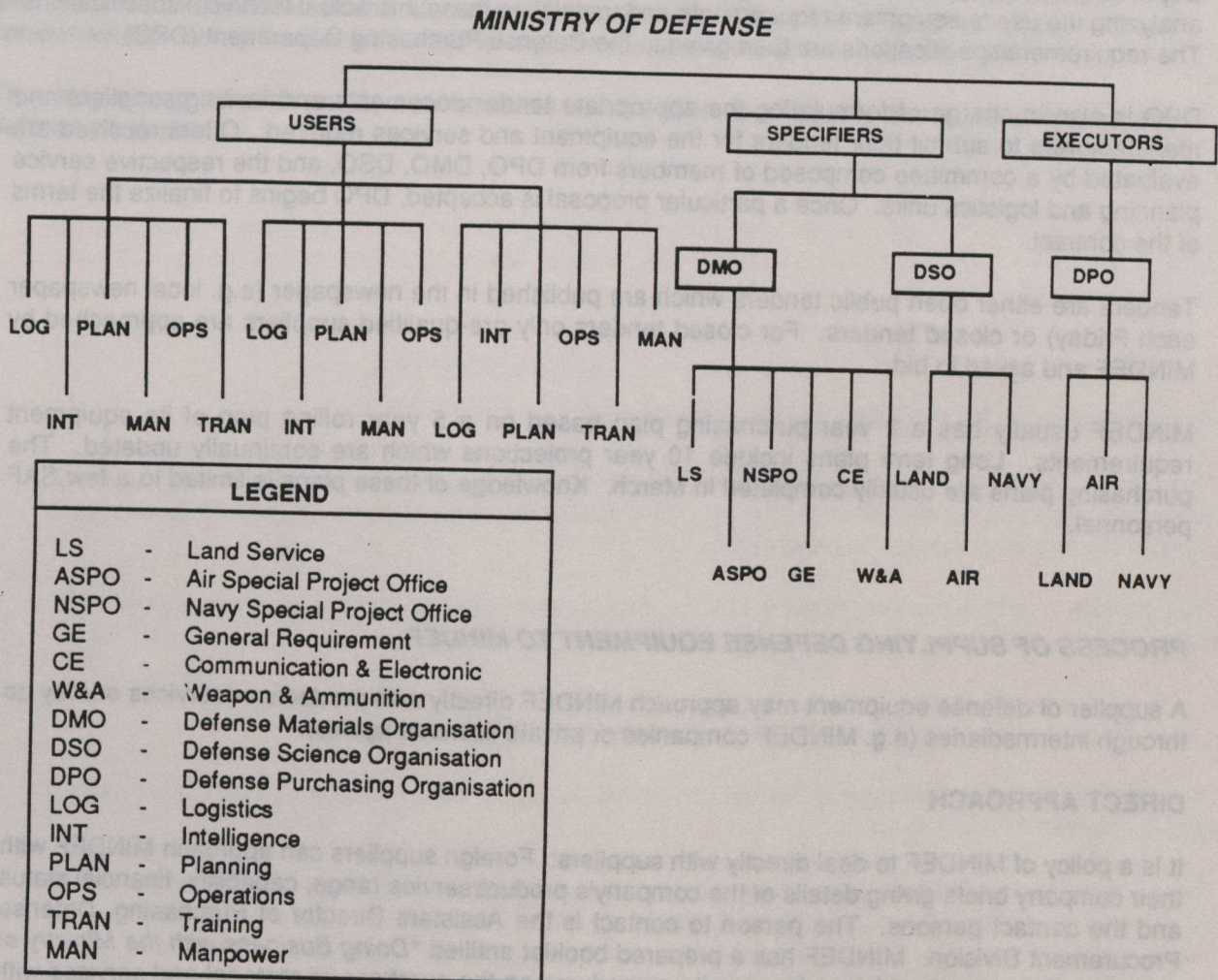
**BACKGROUND ...**

**DETERMINATION OF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Ministry of Defense (MINDEF) is the organization responsible for national defense and security. Its functions include:

- The development and maintenance of an effective and operationally ready armed forces.
- The promotion of defense consciousness among the population.
- The management of certain government-owned companies.

For the purpose of determining its equipment requirements, MINDEF is divided into 3 major groupings - the users, the specifiers, and the executors.



The users are composed of 3 sub-groups, the land, air and navy. Each sub-group has its own logistics, intelligence, planning, operations and training units. In order to determine the current and future equipment requirements of the group, the planning and intelligence units work together with the logistics and operations groups. Each user group then submits its requirements to the Defense Materials Organization (DMO) and the Defense Science Organization (DSO) which are known as the specifiers.