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**WARNING ORDER [number]** Example: **WARNING ORDER #8**

**(U) References:** *Refer to higher headquarters’ OPLAN or OPORD and identify map sheets for*

*operation (Optional).*

**(U) Time Zone Used Throughout the OPLAN/OPORD***: (Optional).*

**(U) Task Organization***: (Optional).*

**1. (U) Situation.** *The situation paragraph describes the conditions and circumstances of the operational*

*environment that impact operations in the following subparagraphs:*

a. (U) Area of Interest.

b. (U) Area of Operations.

c. (U) Enemy Forces.

d. (U) Friendly Forces.

e. (U) Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Nongovernmental Organizations.

f. (U) Civil Considerations.

g. (U) Attachments and Detachments*. Provide initial task organization.*

h. (U) Assumptions. *List any significant assumptions for order development.*

**2. (U) Mission.** *State the issuing headquarters’ mission.*

**3. (U) Execution.**

a. (U) Initial Commander’s Intent*. Provide brief commander’s intent statement.*

b. (U) Concept of Operations*. This may be “to be determined” for an initial WARNORD.*

c. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units. *Include any known tasks at time of issuance of WARNORD.*

d. (U) Coordinating Instructions.

**4. (U) Sustainment.** *Include any known logistics, personnel, or health service support preparation tasks.*

**5. (U) Command and Signal***. Include any changes to the existing order or state “No change.”*

**ACKNOWLEDGE:**

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**ANNEXES:** *List annexes by letter and title.*

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