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**Fiscal Year 2015 Report on Training of General Purpose  
Forces of the United States Armed Forces With Military and  
Other Security Forces of Friendly Foreign Countries**

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## **I. REPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to section 1203(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 (Public Law (P.L.) 113-66)), not later than April 1 of each year following a fiscal year in which training is conducted pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the training conducted pursuant to that subsection. Each report shall specify:

1. Each country in which training was conducted.
2. The type of training conducted, the duration of such training, and the number of U.S. personnel involved in such training.
3. The extent of participation in such training by foreign military forces and other security forces, including the number and service affiliation of foreign military and other security force personnel involved and the physical and financial contribution of each country participating in such training.
4. The relationship of such training to other overseas training programs conducted by the United States Armed Forces, such as military exercise programs sponsored by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, military exercise programs sponsored by a combatant command, and military training activities sponsored by a military department (including deployments for training, short duration exercises, and other similar unit training events).
5. A summary of the expenditures under section 1203(c) in connection with such training.
6. A description and assessment of the unique military training benefits for members of the U.S. Armed Forces involved in such training.
7. A list of the training events to be conducted during the 12-month period beginning on April 1 of the year in which such report is submitted.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

1. Section 1203 of the NDAA for FY 2014 (P.L. 113-66) authorizes the U.S. Armed Forces to train with the military forces or other security forces of a friendly foreign country if the Secretary of Defense determines that it is in the national security interests of the United States to do so. Section 1203 authorizes Secretaries of Military Departments or Combatant Commanders to pay, or authorize payment for, the incremental expenses incurred by a friendly foreign country as the direct result of training with U.S. general purpose forces (GPF). Incremental expenses are the reasonable and proper cost of rations, fuel, training ammunition, transportation, and other goods or services consumed by the country as a direct result of the country's participation in training. The amount of incremental expenses payable under this authority may not exceed \$10

million in any fiscal year. Training may be conducted under this section only with the prior approval of the Secretary of Defense and the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

2. Training authorized by section 1203 to the maximum extent practical, includes elements that promote observance of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and respect for legitimate civilian authority within the countries participating in the training. Additionally, these training events are subject to successful human rights verification of partner-nation units participating in the proposed events. The Department of Defense (DoD) is confident that existing processes for oversight of Section 1203 training events provide adequate transparency and ensure that these training events are aligned with U.S. foreign policy objectives.

3. The purpose of this authority is to advance U.S. national security interests by preparing U.S. forces to conduct security force assistance (SFA) activities. Pursuant to Public Law 113-66, DoD recognizes that the phrase "training event," as used in section 1203, encompasses activities in addition to traditional joint and Service exercises. A "training event" may include activities more narrow in scope or scale, such as mobile training teams, command post exercises, mission rehearsal exercises, or similar events. Although the level of effort may be less than traditional exercises, section 1203 requires that the training benefit the U.S. unit's mission-essential tasks as they relate to improving SFA skill sets.

### **III. FISCAL YEAR 2015 SUMMARY AND ASSESSMENT OF TRAINING BENEFITS**

1. During FY 2015, a total of eight events with eleven partner nations were conducted under the authority provided by Section 1203. The total amount of DoD expenses to pay for incremental expenses incurred by partner nations was \$2.9 million. More than 7,200 U.S. and 1,500 partner-nation personnel participated in these training events. A complete list of the information required by Section 1203(e) can be found in Annex A to this report.

2. The primary purpose of Section 1203 activities is to give GPF units the skills and experience to conduct SFA across the spectrum of conflict. In FY 2015, these training events were an essential tool U.S. GPF units used to improve their capability to conduct SFA in an unfamiliar environment, increase technical and functional expertise, and gain familiarity with regional geography and culture. The benefits derived from section 1203 events included: increased leadership skills; organizational competence; and professionalism to prepare U.S. GPF commanders and units to train, and train with prospective partner nations in future conflict. The authority to train with partner nation forces increased U.S. GPF skills in teaching, coaching, and mentoring in the mission-essential tasks our GPF units are responsible for. The use of section 1203 authority has also allowed our GPF commanders to develop personal relationships and to increase interoperability between U.S. and partner nation units. These training benefits are achieved with low-risk, low-cost, and low-signature; and they directly support the Geographic Combatant Commander's (GCC) Campaign Plans and the National Security Strategy.

#### IV. LIST OF PROJECTED EVENTS (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

##### 1. OVERVIEW TABLE

Geographic Combatant Command	# Events
USAFRICOM	6
USCENTCOM	0
USEUCOM	2
USNORTHCOM	1
USPACOM	0
USSOUTHCOM	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

2. **PROJECTED EVENTS.** The number of training events planned for April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017, is based on Military Service and GCC preliminary input received to date. The actual number of events may change between now and the submission of the FY 2016 annual report.

Combatant Command or Service	Dates	Event	Partner Nations
USAFRICOM	March 27 – April 29, 2016	USAFRICOM RAF MRX Rotation	Uganda
USEUCOM	May 11 – 27, 2016	Exercise NOBLE PARTNER 16	Georgia
USEUCOM	June 7 – 17, 2016	Exercise ANAKONDA 16	Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia, Romania, and Ukraine
USSOUTHCOM	June 12 – 25, 2016	Mobile Training Team (MTT 16-13)	Belize
USAFRICOM	July 11 – 26, 2016	Africa Readiness Training 16	Senegal and Uganda
USSOUTHCOM	July 17 – August 17, 2016	MTT 16-02	Dominican Republic
USSOUTHCOM	July 17 – August 17, 2016	MTT 16-14	Guatemala
USSOUTHCOM	July 19 – August 5, 2016	MTT 16-15	Uruguay
USNORTHCOM	August 8 - 17, 2016	U.S.-Mexico Reciprocal Unit Exchange	Mexico
USSOUTHCOM	August 15 – September 13, 2016	MTT 16-16	Colombia
USSOUTHCOM	August 17 – September 3, 2016	MTT 16-101	Jamaica



Combatant Command or Service	Dates	Event	Partner Nations
USSOUTHCOM	August 17 – September 17, 2016	MTT 16-17	Peru
USAFRICOM	August 30 – September 11, 2016	Africa Readiness Training 16A	Uganda
USSOUTHCOM	September 17 – September 30, 2016	MTT 16-102	Barbados
USSOUTHCOM	October 15 – 29, 2016	Argentina MTT X1	Argentina
USSOUTHCOM	November 6 – 19, 2016	Uruguay MTT X2	Uruguay
USAFRICOM	November 11 - December 20, 2016	Africa Readiness Training 17M	Nigeria and Gabon
USSOUTHCOM	January 23 – February 28, 2017	Colombia MTT X3	Colombia
USSOUTHCOM	February 1 – 25, 2017	El Salvador MTT X4	El Salvador
USSOUTHCOM	February 13 – March 14, 2017	Guatemala MTT X5	Guatemala
USSOUTHCOM	March 6 – April 1, 2017	Peru MTT X6	Peru
USSOUTHCOM	March 8 – 25, 2017	Dominican Republic MTT X7	Dominican Republic
USAFRICOM	March 11 – 27, 2017	Africa Readiness Training 17A	Gabon
USAFRICOM	March 15 – May 30, 2017	Africa Readiness Training 17MA	Senegal and Mauritania
USSOUTHCOM	March 22 – April 8, 2017	Honduras MTT X8	Honduras

## ANNEX A – FISCAL YEAR 2015 TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1. The table below presents a breakout of Section 1203 training activities by country, including the type, duration, and relationship of the training to other overseas training programs. Also included is a summary of partner nation expenditures incurred as a direct result of the training.
2. This annex does not include two section 1203 training events that were approved but not executed. The Air Advisor Training with Belize was approved, but cancelled before DoD reported that event to the relevant congressional committees. The Crisis Management Exercise with forces from Senegal was approved and reported to the relevant congressional committees, but not executed.
  - a. **Air Advisor Training** – The 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron cancelled training with the Belize Defense Force Air Wing scheduled to take place from April 19 – May 2, 2015.
  - b. **Crisis Management Exercise - Senegal**. The U.S. Marine Corps Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Africa cancelled training with the Senegalese Armed Forces scheduled to take place from September 14 – 30, 2015.

## ANNEX A

FY	FY15	FY16	FY15	FY15
<b>PARTICIPATING COUNTRY</b>	Zambia	Hungary	Croatia, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania	Spain
<b>TYPE OF TRAINING</b>	Humanitarian Response Operations Table Top Exercise (TTX)	SABRE JUNCTION 2015 Field Training Exercise (FTX) and Command Post Exercise (CPX)	COMBINED RESOLVE IV (FTX AND CPX)	FTX
<b>RELATION TO OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EXERCISES</b>	None	Conducted in conjunction with Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE'S multi-national training events and exercises	Conducted in conjunction with Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE'S multi-national training events and exercises	None
<b>PARTNER NATION UNIT</b>	Zambian Air Force	1) Hungarian 26th Gyorgy Klapka, Infantry Brigade the 34th Laszlo Bercsanyi, Special Operations Forces Battalion 3) 86th Szolnok, Helicopter Base	1) Croatian 1st Light Infantry Mech Co, Tigraci Bn, Guard Motorized Brigade 2) the Albanian 1st Co, 2nd Bn 3) Bulgarian 2nd Mech Brigade, 24th Air Base 4) Romanian 151st Infantry Bn, 15th Infantry Mech Brigade	Spanish Legion Brigade
<b>Partner Nation Personnel</b>	20	232	931	178
<b>START DATE</b>	23 Mar 2015	01 Apr 2015	06 May 2015	01 Jun 2015
<b>END DATE</b>	27 Mar 2015	30 Apr 2015	05 Jun 2015	20 Jun 2015
<b>U.S. UNIT(s)</b>	U.S. Air Force 818th Mobility Support Advisory Squadron (MSAS)	U.S. Army 2nd Cavalry Regiment	1) U.S. Army 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division 2) U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division 3) U.S. Army 3rd Battalion, 2nd Cavalry Regiment	1) U.S. Army 4-6 Infantry Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division 2) U.S. Marine Corps Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Amphibious Task Force (SPMGTAF), Crisis Response-Africa (CR-A)
<b>U.S. PERSONNEL</b>	6	3,950	2,980	188
<b>TRAINING BENEFIT FOR U.S. FORCES</b>	1) The 8818th MSAS added upgraded the certification of six air advisors. 2) Trained six air advisors on the building partner capacity mission. 3) Exchanged ideas, experiences and best practices in Humanitarian Response Operations with Zambian Air Force personnel.	This event provided the 2d Cavalry a realistic training experience that addressed contemporary irregular and conventional threats in a coalition-enabled operational environment.	Training with partner nations allowed U.S. forces to train in Security Force Assistance mission-essential tasks, provided realistic training in offensive and defensive operations in a coalition environment, and supported the President's European Reassurance Initiative.	U.S. Soldiers and Marine participants enhanced interoperability while enabling Spanish training audience to learn best U.S. practices for operating in terrain and conditions similar to potential future operational areas.
<b>FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTNER NATION</b>				
<b>Rations</b>	\$3,428.59	\$49,000.00	\$451,764.00	
<b>Fuel</b>		\$1,000.00	\$93,396.00	
<b>Ordnance</b>		\$15,000.00	\$4,013.00	
<b>Transportation</b>		\$170,000.00	\$1,112,000.00	
<b>Training Facilities</b>				
<b>Other</b>			\$976,481.00	
<b>Contracts</b>	\$571.41			
<b>Supplies</b>				
<b>Equipment</b>		\$8,000.00		
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$243,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,637,654.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>PARTNER NATION PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
<b>Rations</b>				
<b>Fuel</b>				
<b>Ordnance</b>				
<b>Transportation</b>				
<b>Financial</b>		\$100,000.00	\$452,000.00	
<b>Contracts</b>				
<b>Supplies</b>				
<b>Training Facilities</b>	Aircraft parking ramp, and a planning center.	None	None	Live fire ranges, maneuver ranges, live-fire shoot house, and a subterranean training complex.
<b>Equipment</b>	None	Individual small-arms, tactical vehicles, and logistics vehicles.	Individual small-arms, field equipment, communications gear, aircraft, and tactical vehicles.	Individual and crew-served small-arms, ammunition, and tactical vehicles.



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FY	FY15	FY15	FY15	FY15	TOTALS
<b>PARTICIPATING COUNTRY</b>	Guatemala	Senegal	Colombia	Mali	11
<b>TYPE OF TRAINING</b>	Mobile Training Team (MTT)	FTX / Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRX)	FTX	FTX	
<b>RELATION TO OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EXERCISES</b>	None	This training took place during standard training for the U.S. Africa Command Regionally Aligned Brigade MRX.	None	None	
<b>PARTNER NATION UNIT</b>	Guatemala Air Force	3rd Battalion, Operations Division, Senegalese Armed Forces	Colombian Air Force, Grupo Transporte Militar (Mobility Group)	The Malian Air Force, the 33rd Parachute Regiment, and the National Guard	
<b>Partner Nation Personnel</b>	31	10	4	93	1,524
<b>START DATE</b>	01 Aug 2015	18 Aug 2015	31 Aug 2015	24 Sep 2015	
<b>END DATE</b>	14 Aug 2015	15 Sep 2015	19 Sep 2015	29 Sep 2015	
<b>U.S. UNIT(s)</b>	U.S. Air Force 571st MSAS	U.S. Army 1-30 Infantry Battalion, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division	U.S. Air Force, 571st MSAS	U.S. Marine Corps, SPMGTAF CRI-A	
<b>U.S. PERSONNEL</b>	3	130	4	50	7,259
<b>TRAINING BENEFIT FOR U.S. FORCES</b>	1) Observed and participated in an operational Building Partner Capacity (BPC) activity. 2) Yielded upgrades in qualifications/certifications required to support the BPC mission. 3) Exchanged experiences and best practices for aircraft operations and maintenance.	This event increased the Regionally Aligned Brigade's cross-cultural competencies in preparation for its future operating environment in Africa. Senegalese Armed Forces participation played an integral part in training for planning combined operations, and enhanced U.S. personnel's understanding of operating with African partners.	1) Observed and participated in an operational Building Partner Capacity (BPC) activity. 2) Yielded upgrades in qualifications/certifications required to support the BPC mission. 3) Exchanged experiences and best practices for aircraft operations and maintenance.	1) Exercised crisis response mission with U.S. Embassy staff and host nation security forces 2) Gained realistic experience regarding the coordination required to provide embassy reinforcement	
<b>FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTNER NATION</b>					
Rations		\$5,854.00			
Fuel					
Ordnance					
Transportation		\$45,100.00			
Training Facilities					
Other				\$1,000.00	
Contracts					
Supplies			\$100.00	\$2,000.00	
Equipment					
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$50,954.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,938,718.00</b>
<b>PARTNER NATION PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
Rations					
Fuel					
Ordnance					
Transportation					
Financial					\$552,000.00
Contracts					
Supplies					
<b>Training Facilities</b>	4 classrooms, and a flightline.	None	Classrooms, and a flightline.	None	
<b>Equipment</b>	None	Field training equipment for Senegalese Armed Forces personnel.	Aircraft, radar equipment, and a forklift.	Field training equipment for participating Malian forces.	