

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

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1. Requests for DoD—sponsored international military legal education and training programs have increased significantly in the past several years. In response, the department currently has more military teams providing more diverse training to more countries than ever before. However, the proliferation of legal training programs and multiple legal events in host nations, often closely related, can result in duplication and inefficiency of effort.
2. Geographic CINCs, U.S. military group commanders, security assistance officers, and defense Attaché security assistance officers are in the best position to know what training individual countries need. Geographic CINCs have regional engagement strategies and/or theater engagement plans which lay out deliberate and focused approaches to USG interactions with individual countries. As the sophistication of our international military legal education and training programs increases we must ensure the response to country needs supports and compliments CINC strategies and plans.
3. Action: Services, National Guard units, and other providers of international military legal education and training are coordinated with the unified commands and country teams to ensure each country's military legal education and training needs are met in the most efficient manner possible. The geographic CINCs and their staff judge advocates will ensure all military legal education and training is structured so that it supports CINC strategies/plans, successive training visits build on one another or service different audiences, and the training contemplated is appropriate to the country receiving the training, e.g., UCMJ training may not be appropriate for countries that do not have a military justice system.
4. This initiative should not be viewed in any way as criticism of the superb efforts of U.S. MILGROUP Commanders, Security Assistance Officers, and Defense Attaché security assistance officers or their staffs or DoD organizations providing this valuable training. Your efforts in support of the USG's overall engagement with our friends and allies are indispensable to success. Rather, this requirement properly places the CINC in the coordination process for international military legal education and training, strengthening the program as part of the overall CINC engagement strategy.
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