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MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS DIRECTORATES

SUBJECT: Request for IMET Training Waiver

THROUGH: USSOUTHCOM

In accordance with Chapter 10, DoD 5105.38-M, request approval for the use of IMET funds for the following training:

Country: Dominican Republic MILDEP Program: IMET FY 08

Type of Waiver: Mobile Training Team (MTT)

**Requested Training:** This course provides qualified coxswains and patrol boat crews with hands on experience in conducting coastal search and rescue operations. Topics covered include: awareness and initial actions; coxswain duties and decision making; boat crew duties and responsibilities; search area description; selecting, plotting, and navigating search patterns; vessel approaches; stern and alongside towing; communications; risk management and public relations. The course includes two days of classroom instruction on search and rescue planning and three days of underway-operational training, with a final search and rescue exercise.

Title of Course: MTT COASTAL SAR OPS 23

MASL ID: P309163

Quantity: MAXIMUM 16, AND MINIMUM 4 Program Year: FY 08 Unit Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration: 1 WEEK WCN: P0061A TLA: \_\_\_\_\_

Avail Qtr: 1st Q Priority Code: A Other Costs\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: ~\$20,000 (TBD by USCG/IA)

\*Other authorized costs associated with MTTs.

**Justification:** The MTT COASTAL SAR OPS 23 assists the DR Navy by significantly increasing US-DR military relations and boosting DR Navy and USCG interoperability capability in response to SAR missions. This MTT is essential in order to assist DR Navy in increasing SAR capabilities and refine operational skills. DR Navy currently lacks experience in SAR operations and it does not have up-to-date SAR training material. MTT will allow DR Navy to increase personnel SAR skills significantly enabling DR Navy personnel to respond accordingly and to continue to build intrinsic capacity by sharing newly acquired SAR skills with others

This requirement supports the Theater Security Cooperation Plan.

**Capability #2:** Develop a professional and modern Dominican Armed Forces while strengthening cooperation with Caribbean partner nations to participate effectively in regional stability, security, and collective response operations.

**Task 2.8:** Establish a Combined/ Joint National Level Personnel Recovery program, which leverages multi-lateral technologies and skill sets to achieve civil and military land, air and maritime Search and Rescue capability in coordination with US and DR assets to support US and DR requirements.

1. **Requirements:** Training is essential in order to assist DR Navy in increasing SAR capabilities and refine operational skills. DR Navy lacks experience in SAR operations and it does not have up-to-date SAR training material.

2. **Objective:** This MTT supports CETPP objective of promoting increased competence and interoperability of the Armed Forces to effectively participate in efforts to combat transnational threats- especially patrolling of the littoral, securing the ports and interdicting illegal activities at sea such as trafficking in persons, illegal migration and contraband smuggling.

Host Nation (HN) currently does not have available funds necessary to cover MTT expenses. Utilizing IMET allows HN to achieve objectives, increase its capabilities and create intrinsic capacity that allows the DR Navy to share the newly acquired knowledge with other military personnel (i.e. train the trainer).

MTT allows DR Navy to attain qualified coxswains and patrol boat crews with hands on experience in conducting coastal search and rescue operations.

3. **Capability:** The capability does exist in country. However, DR Navy SAR capabilities are not at the operational level where it should be. DR Navy SAR units have not trained in a consistent basis and the personnel assigned do not possess up-to-date familiarization/training in SAR operations.

MTT will allow DR Navy to increase personnel SAR skills significantly enabling them to respond accordingly and to continue to build intrinsic capacity by sharing newly acquired SAR skills with others.

4. **Quantity:** 16 Total (minimum 4). None trained thus far via MTT. HN has the desire to meet the objectives, but achieving it relies heavily on DR Armed Forces availability of funds to support continuous operations.

5. **Impact:** DR Navy will not be able to achieve its SAR objectives, which also supports the US regional security cooperation plan and US National Security objectives.

6. **Funding Rationale:** Current FMS funding is limited and what is available has been earmarked for equipment, didactical material, laboratory maintenance, and books.

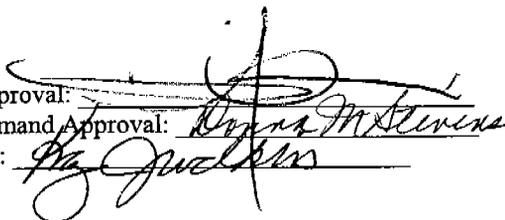
7. **Political/Military:** This MTT significantly increases US-DR military relations and it boosts DR Navy and USCG interoperability capability in response to SAR missions.

8. **Benefits to the United States:** Building SAR capacity in HN directly supports US regional security cooperation plan and US National Security objectives.

SCO Chief's Approval:

Combatant Command Approval:

DSCA Approval:



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