
INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS: IT'S NOT JUST AN ADVENTURE AT AFIT*

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FOREWORD

The Administration places high priority on a balanced Security Assistance Program as an essential instrument of an effective foreign policy, a vital component of the overall U.S. defense effort, and an important complement to our economic aid programs. The challenges are great and constantly changing, while the resources we can bring to bear are scarce and restricted.

The Security Assistance Program is not a one-way street. When we directly assist other nations in meeting their security requirements, we also make a contribution to our own worldwide defense posture through a stronger collective security framework. In many instances, security assistance is a critical element in our efforts to obtain the access, overflight, and base rights we need abroad. Moreover, virtually all loans and grants made available for foreign military sales, the funds for International Military Education and Training (IMET) and much of the Economic Support Funds (ESF) are spent in the United States.

The Security Assistance Program promotes economic and political stability through balance-of-payments support and project assistance under the ESF. Overall, Security Assistance reinforces the effect of shared values which underlie our bilateral relationships, providing tangible evidence of U.S. responsibilities and credibility as a dependable, international partner.[1]

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Execution of the AFIT mission strongly considers the practicum of our Administration's priorities in the international environment as expressed in the foreword of this article. Within the Department of Logistics Management, AFIT, a series of three graduate level courses are offered to those students

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