

U. S./Mexico Counterdrug Initiatives



Drug Enforcement Policy and Support
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BILATERAL WORKING GROUP

- Counterdrug Sub-working Group
 - Established agreement to enhance Mexico's interdiction capability
 - Air and Ground
 - Rapid reaction GAFE units
 - Supported by forward-based UH-1H units
 - Maritime
 - Pursue naval initiatives to develop maritime counterdrug capability



TYPES OF DoD CD SUPPORT

- Support and Authorities focused on 2 areas:
 - (1) Provision of equipment
 - Section 516, Foreign Assistance Act - Excess Defense Articles
 - Section 506 (a)(2), Foreign Assistance Act -- Drawdown of DoD equipment
 - Section 1031, National Defense Authorization Act -- Procurement of Equipment
 - (2) **Conduct** of training
 - Section 1004, NDAA



DoD CD EQUIPMENT SUPPORT

- 20 UH-1Hs delivered as part of Section 516, FAA.
- PDD 97-9 authorized “drawdown” under Section 506 (a)(2) of the FAA.
 - Included additional 53 UH-1H helicopters;
 - Logistics support: 2 years’ worth of UH-1H spare parts, ground support equipment, etc.; and,
 - 4 C-26 aircraft.
- Support for *MARINA*:
 - 2 U.S. Navy Knox-class frigates (Mexico purchased via FMS)
- Section 1031, NDAA authorized extra \$8M in FY97
 - Procured UH-1H parts
 - No funding authorized for FY98



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: FY97 & 98

- In FY97, 829 Mexican military personnel who support counterdrug operations completed approximately 1300 training courses of instruction
- Breakdown by service:

-- <i>SEDENA</i> (Air Force)	262
-- <i>SEDENA</i> (Army)	286
-- <i>MARINA</i>	281
- In FY98, over 1000 training quotas will be completed by *SEDENA* (888) and *MARINA* (129) personnel
- Human Rights and Professionalization of Militaries is included in all training



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: AIR

- UH-1H pilot training:
 - MAF pilots received transition, instrument, instructor, safety, and NVG training at Fort Rucker and Fort Indiantown Gap
 - FY97: 56 pilots completed training;
 - FY98: 101 scheduled
- UH-1H maintenance training:
 - MAF personnel received UH-1H airframe, power plant, aircraft systems, and logistics training at Fort Eustis, Fort Rucker, Lackland AFB, and Fresno, CA
 - FY97: 130 personnel completed training;
 - FY98: 158 scheduled



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: AIR

- C26 training
 - Four C26 crews and support personnel were trained in FY97
 - ... 16 pilots/air crew members were trained (four per C26)
 - ... 32 mechanics were trained
- Each crew flew its aircraft to Mexico upon the completion of training



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: GROUND

- Schoolhouse training in the U.S.
 - Courses: Counterdrug Operations; Ranger training; Battle Staff Operations; Special Forces qualification, engineer training, weapons training, and medical training.
- FY98: 137 training quotas, principally at Fort Bragg and Fort Benning



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: GROUND

- GAFE training program at FT Bragg:
 - GAFE courses: Small Unit Tactics; Mission Planning; Air Assault Training; and, Military Police Training.
 - Numbers of Mexican Officers trained by Fiscal Year:
 - FY96: 99 (Fort Bragg and Fort Benning)
 - FY97: 207 (Fort Bragg)
 - FY98: 42 (Fort Bragg)
 - Two more iterations of 42 personnel are scheduled for FY98.
- Total trained to date: 348 with 432 projected to complete GAFE training by end of FY98.



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: MARITIME

- **Maritime CD training combines instruction with practical application of acquired skills.**
 - Courses: Ship Boarding Techniques: Cargo Inspection/Vehicle Search Techniques; Crop Eradication and Execution; and, Riverine Operations.
 - Training location: Norfolk Naval Base
- **Maritime CD - numbers trained:**
 - FY96: 15
 - FY97: 30
 - FY98: 0
 - Two more iterations of 30 Officers are scheduled for FY98.
- **Total to date: 45 with 105 projected to complete training by end of FY98.**



MEXICAN CD TRAINING: MARITIME

- **DoD provided training to develop capability of sailors and crew to operate 2 Knox-class frigates**
 - FY97: 125 personnel completed training
 - FY98: 30 personnel to complete training
 - Training conducted at multiple locations
- **Naval military operations training (riverine, intelligence, public affairs, naval aviation, aviation maintenance, naval maintenance)**
 - FY97: 148 personnel completed training
 - FY98: 121 personnel to complete training
 - Training conducted at multiple locations



OTHER 1004 CD TRAINING SUPPORT

- UH-1H Simulator Training
 - Long-term benefit to UH-1H fleet
 - Simulator will be located at Culiacan, Mexico
 - Expected facility completion: Apr 98
- Military Training Teams (MTT)
 - U.S. military trainers instructed in Mexico - training has been well-received
 - Riverine MTT conducted JUL 97
 - PAO MTT in DEC 97



END-USE -MONITORING

- Latest EUM & Bi-monthly Inspection -- FEB 98
 - 42/72 UH-1Hs are fully mission capable
 - 8 down for scheduled maintenance
 - 1 aircraft destroyed
- Majority of CD sorties flown in either reconnaissance or troop transport missions
- Logistics still hamper UH-1H Op Ready rates
 - Constraints in technicians, tools, special equipment limit repair capabilities
- MAF reorganized UH-1H stationing to make better use of limited logistics capability

