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FY 2009 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GOALS

Given its strategic location between narcotics producers and their markets, Cape Verde has commonly been used as a transit hub for narcotics trafficking. U.S. assistance in FY 2009 was targeted on the training of law enforcement and judicial officials to counter organized crime. These projects were particularly useful in building the institutional capacity to combat maritime trafficking, as well as a way to encourage cooperation and capacity building with other West African nations. Assistance in FY 2009 enhanced the capacity of Cape Verde's law enforcement and judicial sectors to investigate and prosecute complex narcotics crimes. In FY 2010, U.S. assistance plans to build on these gains by offering further training and technical assistance to foster the institutionalization of the skills. Without these programs, traffickers would be able to secure a strategic foothold in the Atlantic Ocean, free from detection by the international authorities. U.S. programs in FY 2009 helped ensure that Cape Verde could protect its frontiers and guarantee rule of law within its borders.

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