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FY 2009 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GOALS

The United States Government (USG) and the Government of Turkey share the same long-term vision of a stable, prosperous Turkey, which acts as a responsible, productive regional leader, and as a bridge between Europe and the Middle East. The United States and Turkey share a common interest in improving border controls to combat the proliferation of dangerous substances and weapons, reducing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) proliferation threats, combating narcotics trafficking, and thwarting terrorists and human traffickers. In addition, we share the goal of maintaining well-trained and professional military establishments.

HIGHLIGHTS BY PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Peace and Security

The United States Government funds a number of programs to support peace and security in Turkey. These include anti-terrorism, counter-terrorism, export control and related border security, and international narcotics control and law enforcement programs.

The USG's anti-terrorism and law enforcement assistance to Turkey fosters cooperation between U.S. law enforcement officers and Turkish officials engaged in anti-terrorism efforts. Through these activities, the U.S. helps to build capacity, encourages best practices, and advances U.S. foreign policy goals by strengthening our bilateral relationship. In FY 2009, U.S. assistance:

- Supported engagement with the Ministry of Justice on justice system development, analysis of existing anti-terrorist laws, and a review of Turkey's laws related to counterterrorism, anti-money laundering, counter terrorist financing, and asset forfeiture.
- Provided seminars for prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officers to complement the Turkish justice system's development and regional leadership reputation.

Our Export Control and related Border Security Assistance program provides seminars and materials and equipment to help Turkish officials protect their borders and deter proliferation activities. In FY 2009 U.S. assistance:

- Financed 24 Customs and Turkish National Police officers to attend the Interdict/Radiation Academy WMD Counter-proliferation Training in Washington State. It further allowed 18 Customs officers to attend International Border Interdiction Training in Texas, as well as providing inspection and detection equipment such as density meters, video scopes, probe kits, and vehicle inspection kits for use in interdicting illicit trafficking.