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Subject: Requests for Course Information

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Summary: NETSAFA has learned of instances in which International Military Students have requested – and received – course information directly from a training site. Responding to an out-of-channel request for course information/quotas may be perceived as a commitment to provide US training, which could undermine the quota allocation process and result in unauthorized/ nonreleasable training being provided to a country.

International training to foreign military and civilian personnel is provided by the DoD under a number of programs authorized by US law. The process for requesting and responding to international training requests is complex and involves reviews/approvals by many organizations within the requesting country and the USG. This process is necessary to ensure the training is a country priority, included in the country’s training program budget, in support of USG objectives, sponsored under the appropriate program, correctly priced, and *reviewed for releasability and availability by the responsible US DoD organizations.*

Action:

Out-of-channel requests could include electronic, written correspondence, telephone, or a request received from an international military student (IMS) or a foreign exchange officer assigned to a US activity. IMSOs (or other staff members) at training installations receiving out-of-channels requests must advise the requestor that the training installation is not authorized to provide the information and recommend that the request be forwarded to the country’s Ministry of Defense for submission through the US Embassy to the appropriate US military organization. (The foreign country and USG organizations responsible for requesting, reviewing, and approving the release of course information may vary slightly, based on the sponsoring program.)

IMSOs should inform the NETSAFA Country Program Manager of the out-of-channel request.

IMSOs should ensure that appropriate staff members at their training site are aware of this policy.

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