The Caribbean Basin Security Initiative

Guyana

United States Support Under CBSI

The United States is making a significant contribution to CBSI, committing $203 million in funding for the first three years of the initiative. This contribution includes assistance in the following areas, all developed through the CBSI cooperative dialogue process:

- **Maritime and Aerial Security Cooperation.** Support regional maritime and aerial coordination by improving radar coverage in strategic locations and sharing radar information. Provide equipment and training that will enable Caribbean governments to carry out maritime and aerial operations.

- **Law Enforcement Capacity Building.** Enhance law enforcement effectiveness through police professionalization, anti-corruption training, community-based policing, and sharing regional ballistics and fingerprint information. Equipment and training augment the region’s polygraph capacity and support vetted units in conducting complex investigations, implementing anti-gang initiatives, and combating money laundering and other financial crimes.

- **Border/Port Security and Firearms Interdiction.** Provide technical support, technology upgrades, and training on techniques for intercepting smuggled narcotics, weapons, bulk cash, and other contraband at commercial airports and seaports. Funding will also support the interdiction of firearms and secure management of weapons and ammunition stockpiles.

- **Justice Sector Reform.** Reform and strengthen juvenile justice systems through alternative sentencing and rehabilitation services. Regional justice advisors are providing technical assistance to judges and prosecutors, advising on legal reform, and developing a task force to address critical crime issues. Funding will assist host governments in improving prison conditions.

- **Crime Prevention and At-risk Youth.** Increase educational opportunities and provide workforce development and entrepreneurship training for at-risk youth as an alternative to crime and other harmful behavior. Funding also will support drug demand reduction through the training of treatment and rehabilitation professionals.

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Guyana will benefit directly from several of the programs described above, to include:

- Interceptor boats, equipment, and training to increase counter narco-tics efforts and maritime interdiction capability;

- Training and equipment to: increase the capabilities and effectiveness of police and customs units at ports of entry; establish an effective Financial Intelligence Unit and increase banking sector capacity to combat money laundering and other financial crimes;

- Workforce development and educational support for at-risk youth;

- Strengthening the capability of law enforcement officials to respond to and investigate cases of gender based violence to include sexual offenses, crimes against children, and trafficking in persons;

- Establishment of Guyana’s first Child Protection Agency.

More information regarding U.S. assistance to the Caribbean and the CBSI partnership is available at: www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi.