



POLICY

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2000

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In reply refer to:
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The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with section 1082 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, I have determined that it is in the national security interest of the United States for DoD to participate directly in the DEFENDORY Land-Sea-Air Exposition 2002 (DEFENDORY 02), scheduled for 01-05 October 2002 in Athens, Greece. The enclosed report, submitted in accordance with section 1082, explains why I believe that participation in this event is in the national security interest, gives a description of the arms control implications of participating in this event, and provides an estimate of the costs that DoD will incur.

Direct DoD participation is planned to consist of either an AH-64 or a UH-60 on static display, official participation by senior DoD personnel and possible technology displays by various DoD agencies. The actual level of participation will be determined by EUCOM based on the political/military situation and the threat status at the time of the event. U.S. participation will demonstrate our commitment to the security of the region, promote security cooperation and contribute to U.S. foreign policy objectives.

I am sending similar letters to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of our other Defense Oversight Committees.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Douglas J. Feith

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Committee on Armed Services



**REPORT ON
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PARTICIPATION
DEFENDORY Land-Sea-Air Exposition 2002 (DEFENDORY 02)**

1. **Justification:** DEFENDORY 02 is scheduled for 01-05 October 2002 in Athens, Greece. I have determined that direct DoD participation in this event is in the U.S. national security interest. Direct DoD participation will contribute to foreign policy and defense cooperation objectives.

DoD support for international trade exhibitions provides a showcase for U.S. military equipment and personnel. DoD participation at this exhibition will serve as a visible symbol of the U.S. defense relationships and regional presence.

Direct DoD participation is a highly beneficial and cost effective contribution to our security cooperation strategy. Participation demonstrates continued support to regional allies, promotes regional access, and furthers military-to-military contacts.

2. **Arms Control Implications:** DoD participation in this event helps implement U.S. national security policy and is consistent with the Administration's policy on Conventional Arms Transfers. Many representatives attending this event will be interested in U.S. systems. It should be noted that the demonstration of specific U.S. equipment at exhibitions such as this will in no way undermine the rigorous case-by-case review which the Administration undertakes before approving the sale of U.S. defense systems. Participation in this trade exhibition will not result in sales of U.S. equipment that is qualitatively or quantitatively destabilizing to the region.

3. **Estimate of Costs:** The estimated cost of DoD participation in this event, including transportation, personnel per diem, and equipment displays, is \$300,000.