

**Remarks**  
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**Counter-proliferation Awareness Training Session - part II**

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*(As prepared)*

Participants and distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning.

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Weapons of Mass Destruction, or “WMD” training, and for those of you from outside of Senegal, welcome back to Dakar.

I was pleased that our Ambassador Lewis Lukens, spoke to you at the beginning of the training in December, and because this is an important topic, I have come to speak with you today. While the topic of WMD may seem farther away to you than crime, kidnappings, or drug trafficking, the scope of international security is constantly in flux. We need to show constant vigilance. And constant vigilance means we need to be prepared, at any time, for anything. This preparation includes training for the detection of WMD.

Senegal has become a regional leader in security, and it is a win-win for us all when there is regional cooperation -- as there is today between your three nations. We believe it is vital that security professionals, like you, understand the threat posed by WMD and counter-proliferation techniques -- and most importantly, work together.

This training program has been brought to you under the aegis of the United States Government’s International Counter-Proliferation Program. This program is designed to build partnerships and assist international law enforcement and customs and border security officials in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related materials. The program’s mandate is to provide assistance to 87 countries in Africa, Europe, Central Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia. Again, we are so happy that Senegal -- and Côte d’Ivoire and Guinea -- are represented here today.

We believe that like the United States, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, and Senegal want to prevent the transit of WMD materials. We know that your countries also want to counter the smuggling of illegal items, such as narcotics and small arms, as well as stop human trafficking. The knowledge you gained in December, and are building on this week, should help you today and tomorrow in the effort to stop illicit trafficking. What you do on a daily basis to stop the transit of WMD and other contraband is important for you, the leaders of your countries, and your fellow citizens -- including your children and grandchildren. It is important for all of us in this ever interconnected world.

The instructors who will work with you over the next few days represent the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. They have come to share their hard-won professional knowledge, gained through years of experience. I hope that you will take advantage of their eagerness to work with you.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks to all of you for taking the time out of your schedules to learn about detection of WMD. Your efforts here this week are helping to bring us all closer to the goal of a world that is safer and more secure.

Thank you.