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DSCA SPONSORS WORLDWIDE SECURITY COOPERATION CONFERENCE "Supporting Tomorrow's Coalitions Today"

Next week the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) will explore how Security Cooperation programs foster enduring relationships with our allies and other friendly countries during its annual conference with the theme "Supporting Tomorrow's Coalitions Today." The event, hosted by Lieutenant General Jeffrey B. Kohler, Director of DSCA, will take place on October 14th and 15th at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

Conference participants represent the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Departments, Combatant Commands, State Department, as well as international customers and U.S. defense industry.

The one-and-a-half-day event includes a series of plenary presentations, separate "break-out" sessions, panel discussions and displays designed to examine how Security Cooperation programs support and strengthen U.S. national security and foreign policy goals.

Scheduled speakers on the first day of the conference include: Retired General Joseph W. Ralston the former Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Rear Admiral William D. Sullivan from the Joint Staff, and Dr. Robert Trice from the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Second day speakers include the His Excellency Luis Alberto Moreno the Colombian Ambassador, Dr. Joseph E. Goldberg from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Mr. Robert W. Maggi from the Department of State.

The cost for the conference is \$150 for non-U.S. Government attendees. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 October or on line at <u>www.dsca.mil</u>. Media passes will be available for members of the press with valid credentials. Interested media may call 703-601-3670 or 703-604-6617.