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FOREIGN AIRCRAFT AND SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS

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As long as enhancing foreign airpower capabilities remains essential to US overseas defense posture or exit strategies, Air Force commanders will be increasingly called upon to provide ideas and recommendations to establish or increase foreign capabilities to perform successfully in this vital conflict arena. Commanders may have to define aircraft and systems options for counterinsurgency, counterterrorism, and counter-drug programs in terms of various types of equipment that could be employed on certain types of aircraft, and may have to indicate possible courses of action, including off-the-shelf air platforms, modifications, and systems match-ups that would fit with foreign aviation needs and capabilities.

The ability of Air Force personnel to conduct [foreign internal defense](#) in the assess-train-advise-assist mission set depends on the airpower capabilities of assisted nations. Commanders should be aware that the ability of lesser-developed nations to perform airpower roles varies enormously, based mostly on levels of indigenous funding, technology, and training.