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Status of Scrambles through the Third Quarter in FY2014

1. Overall

The ASDF scrambled 744 times during the first three quarters in FY2014, which marked a significant increase of 181 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

The breakdown of scrambles by country and region, including some unconfirmed cases, consisted of about 50% against Chinese aircraft, about 49% against Russian aircraft, and about 1% against aircraft from other countries and regions.

2. Breakdown of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

During the first three quarters in FY2014, the Northern Air Defense Force scrambled 213 times, the Central Air Defense Force scrambled 87 times, the Western Air Defense Force scrambled 65 times, and the Southwestern Composite Air Division scrambled 379 times.

All regional air defense forces scrambled more times this fiscal year compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

3. Characteristics of Responses through the Third Quarter in FY2014

The ADSF scrambled against Chinese aircraft 371 times, an increase of 84 times compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. Thirteen cases of unusual flights detected during the third quarter, including long-distance flights made from the East China Sea to the Pacific Ocean, were made public.

The ASDF scrambled 369 times against Russian aircraft, an increase of 123 times compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. Two cases of unusual flights detected during the third quarter were made public.

There were no cases of airspace incursion detected during the third quarter. Including some unconfirmed cases, most scrambles targeting Chinese aircraft were made against fighter aircraft, and most scrambles targeting Russian aircraft were made against surveillance aircraft.

These data were collected between April 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014.