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PRESIDENTIAL POLICY DIRECTIVE - 1

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY
THE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Organization of the National Security Council System

To assist me in carrying out my responsibilities in the area of national security, I hereby direct that the National Security Council system be organized as follows.

A. The National Security Council

The National Security Council (NSC) shall be the principal forum for consideration of national security policy issues requiring Presidential determination. The functions, membership, and responsibilities of the NSC shall be as set forth in the

National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and this Presidential Policy Directive. The NSC shall advise and assist me in integrating all aspects of national security policy as it affects the United States -- domestic, foreign, military, intelligence, and economic (in conjunction with the National Economic Council). Along with its subordinate committees, the NSC shall be my principal means for coordinating executive departments and agencies in the development and implementation of national security policy.

The NSC shall have as its members the President, Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of Energy, as prescribed by statute. In addition, the membership of the NSC shall include the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff (Chief of Staff to the President), and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor). The Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as statutory advisers to the NSC, shall attend NSC meetings. The Counsel to the President shall be invited to attend every NSC meeting, and the Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor shall attend every meeting, and serve as Secretary. When international economic issues are on the agenda of the NSC, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. When homeland security or counter-terrorism related issues are on the agenda, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism. When science and technology related issues are on the agenda, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The heads of other executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, shall be invited to attend meetings of the NSC as appropriate.

The NSC shall meet regularly and as required. The National Security Advisor, at my direction and in consultation with other members of the NSC, shall be responsible for determining the agenda, ensuring that necessary papers are prepared, and recording NSC actions and Presidential decisions in a timely manner.

B. The NSC Principals Committee

The NSC Principals Committee (NSC/PC) will continue to be the senior interagency forum for consideration of policy issues

affecting national security, as it has been since 1989. The National Security Advisor shall serve as Chair, and its regular members will be the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, the Chief of Staff to the President, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Counsel to the President, and the Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs shall be invited to attend every meeting of the NSC/PC. When international economic issues are on the agenda, the NSC/PC's regular attendees will include the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, who, at the discretion of the National Security Advisor, may serve as chair. When homeland security or counter-terrorism related issues are on the agenda, the NSC/PC's regular attendees will include the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism, who, at the discretion of the National Security Advisor, may serve as chair. When science and technology related issues are on the agenda, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The heads of other executive departments and agencies, along with additional senior officials, shall be invited as appropriate.

The NSC/PC shall meet at the call of the National Security Advisor, in consultation with the members of the NSC/PC. The National Security Advisor shall determine the agenda in consultation with the other committee members, and shall ensure that necessary papers are prepared and that conclusions and decisions are communicated in a timely manner.

C. The NSC Deputies Committee

The NSC Deputies Committee (NSC/DC) shall review and monitor the work of the NSC interagency process (including Interagency Policy Committees established pursuant to section D below). The NSC/DC shall also help ensure that issues being brought before the NSC/PC or the NSC have been properly analyzed and prepared for decision. The NSC/DC shall focus significant attention on policy implementation. Periodic reviews of the Administration''s major foreign policy initiatives shall be scheduled to ensure that they are being implemented in a timely and effective manner. Such reviews should periodically consider whether existing policy directives should be revamped or

rescinded. Finally, the NSC/DC shall be responsible for day-to-day crisis management, reporting to the National Security Council. Any NSC principal or deputy, as well as the National Security Advisor, may request a meeting of the Deputies Committee in its crisis management capacity.

The Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor shall chair the NSC/DC. Its members are the Deputy Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Attorney General, the Deputy Secretary of Energy, the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Deputy to the United States Representative to the United Nations, the Deputy Director of National Intelligence, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs. When homeland security or counter-terrorism related issues are on the agenda, a regular attendee of meetings of the NSC/DC will include the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism and Deputy National Security Advisor, who, at the discretion of the Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, may serve as chair. When international economic issues are on the agenda, a regular meeting of the NSC/DC will include the Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics, who, at the discretion of the Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, may serve as chair. When science and technology related issues are on the agenda, a regular meeting of the NSC/DC will include an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The chair may invite representatives of other executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, to attend meetings of the NSC/DC as appropriate.

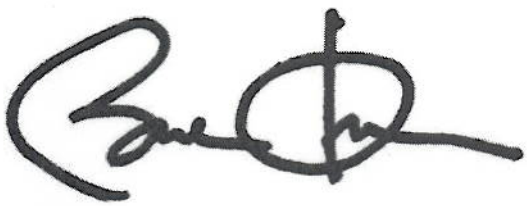
The Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor shall be responsible -- in consultation with the members of the NSC/DC -- for calling meetings of the NSC/DC, for determining the agenda, for ensuring that the necessary papers are prepared, and for preparing and circulating conclusions and decisions in a timely manner. The NSC/DC shall ensure that all papers to be discussed by the NSC or the NSC/PC fully analyze the issues, fairly and adequately set out the facts, consider a full range of views and options, and satisfactorily assess the prospects, risks, and implications of each.

D. Interagency Policy Committees

Management of the development and implementation of national security policies by multiple agencies of the United States Government shall be accomplished by the NSC Interagency Policy

Committees (NSC/IPCs). The NSC/IPCs shall be the main day-to-day fora for interagency coordination of national security policy. They shall provide policy analysis for consideration by the more senior committees of the NSC system and ensure timely responses to decisions made by the President. The NSC/IPCs shall be established at the direction of the Deputies Committee, and be chaired by the NSC (or NEC, as appropriate); at its discretion, the NSC/DC may add co-chairs to any NSC/IPC if desirable. The NSC/IPCs shall convene on a regular basis to review and coordinate the implementation of Presidential decisions in their policy areas. Strict guidelines shall be established governing the operation of the Interagency Policy Committees, including participants, decisionmaking path, and time frame.

An early meeting of the NSC/DC will be devoted to setting up the NSC/IPCs and providing their mandates for reviewing policies and developing options in their respective areas for early consideration by the interagency committees established by this directive. The NSC/IPCs will replace the existing system of Policy Coordination Committees.

The Vice President and I may attend any and all meetings of any entity established by or under this directive.

This document is the first in a series of Presidential Policy Directives that, along with Presidential Study Directives, shall replace National Security Presidential Directives as instruments for communicating presidential decisions about national security policies of the United States. This Directive shall supersede all other existing presidential guidance on the organization of the National Security Council system. With regard to its application to economic matters, this document shall be interpreted in concert with any Executive Order governing the National Economic Council and with Presidential documents signed hereafter that implement either this directive or that Executive Order.