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SUBJECT: Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs
(ASD(ISA))

- References:
- (a) Title 10, United States Code
 - (b) DoD Directive 5111.7, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (ASD(ISA)), March 22, 1995 (hereby canceled)
 - (c) [DoD Directive 5111.1](#), "Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), March 22, 1995
 - (d) [DoD 5025.1-M](#), "DoD Directives System Procedures," December 1990
 - (e) [DoD Directive 8910.1](#), "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993
 - (f) [DoD Directive 5530.3](#), "International Agreements," June 11, 1987

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Under the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Section 113 and 138 of reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) to update the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the ASD(ISA) as prescribed herein.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG, DoD), the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs is the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) and the Secretary of Defense for the formulation and coordination of international security strategy and policy; political-military policy on issues of DoD interest that relate to foreign regions and nations, their governments and their defense establishments, except the states of the former Soviet Union and Central and South America, for oversight of security cooperative programs and foreign military sales programs; and direction of DoD activities to promote civilian control of the military and standards of military professionalism respectful of human rights throughout the world. In this capacity, the ASD(ISA) shall:

3.1. Develop, coordinate, and oversee the implementation of:

3.1.1. Defense security policy and management of defense and military relations with all foreign countries in assigned areas of responsibility.

3.1.2. Policy and activities related to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC), the Partnership for Peace (PFP), and other European security institutions including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), European Union (EU), and the Western European Union (WEU).

3.1.3. Policy relating to prisoner of war and/or missing in action matters and representation of the Department of Defense on such matters in interagency processes.

3.1.4. Policy, plans, activities, and uses of DoD resources related to defense and military aspects of the promotion of constitutional democracy and respect for human rights in other countries, including civilian control of the military, the appropriate role of the military in constitutional democracies, and standards of military professionalism respectful of elected civilian authority and human rights.

3.2. Develop policy, provide advice, issue guidance to translate global and functional policies into regional-specific country strategies, and oversee their implementation in coordination with cognizant DoD officials.

3.3. Conduct and manage day-to-day, multilateral, regional, and bilateral defense relations with all foreign governments in assigned areas of responsibility.

3.4. Develop DoD positions and recommendations, and coordinate policy matters concerning security cooperative programs, security cooperative organizations, foreign military sales, military education and training, and other missions pertaining to security cooperative program relationships.

3.5. Develop, negotiate, implement, and monitor defense cooperation agreements on matters such as military facilities, base rights, access and prepositioning, operating rights, personnel exchange programs, security assistance cooperation, and arrangements with foreign governments governing the status of U.S. Forces in their territory and of their defense personnel in the United States.

3.6. Participate in those planning, programming, and budgeting activities that relate to assigned areas of responsibility.

3.7. Represent the USD(P) and the Secretary of Defense in interagency deliberations and international negotiations dealing with assigned areas of responsibility.

3.8. Perform such other functions as the USD(P) or the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

4. RELATIONSHIPS

4.1. In the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities, the ASD(ISA) shall serve under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P), and shall:

4.1.1. Report directly to the USD(P).

4.1.2. Exercise authority, direction, and control over the following:

4.1.2.1. The Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

4.1.2.2. The Director, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office.

4.1.3. Provide policy formulation and coordination oversight to the Defense Advisor, U.S. NATO on behalf of the USD(P), pursuant to DoD Directive 5111.1 (reference (c)).

4.1.4. Coordinate and exchange information with other OSD officials, the Heads of the DoD Components, and Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

4.1.5. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

4.2. Other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the ASD(ISA) on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in section 3., above.

5. AUTHORITIES

The ASD(ISA) is hereby delegated authority to:

5.1. Issue DoD Instructions, DoD Publications, and one-time directive-type memoranda, consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (d)), that implement policy approved by the Secretary of Defense in assigned areas of responsibility. Instructions to the Military Departments shall be issued through the Secretaries of those Departments. Instructions to Combatant Commands shall be communicated through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5.2. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (e)), as necessary to carry out assigned functions.

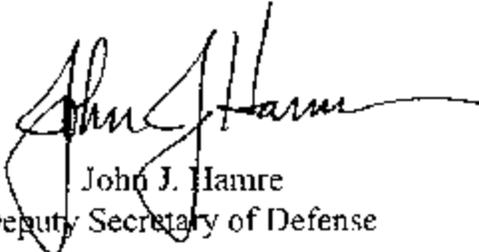
5.3. Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components, as necessary, in carrying out assigned responsibilities. Communications to the Commanders of Combatant Commands shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5.4. Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the Executive Branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

5.5. Negotiate and conclude international agreements in areas of assigned responsibility in accordance with DoD Directive 5530.3 (reference (f)) and in coordination with the DoD General Counsel.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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