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

- References: (a) Sections 113, 138, and 1513 of title 10, United States Code  
(b) DoD Directive 5111.7, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (ASD(ISA))," October 19, 1999 (hereby canceled)  
(c) [DoD 5025.1-M](#), "DoD Directives System Procedures," March 5, 2003  
(d) [DoD Directive 8910.1](#), "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993  
(e) [DoD Directive 5530.3](#), "International Agreements," June 11, 1987

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) to update the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (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, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

## 3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The ASD(ISA) is the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) and the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for the formulation and coordination of international security strategy and policy for 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 Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the former Soviet Union, which are under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy); for oversight of security cooperation programs and foreign military sales programs; and for policy guidance on Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs. In this capacity, the ASD(ISA) shall:

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

3.2. In accordance with the DoD Security Cooperation Guidance, develop and coordinate, for countries in assigned areas of responsibility, DoD policy and recommendations concerning security cooperation programs, security cooperation organizations, foreign military sales, military education and training, and other missions pertaining to security cooperation program relationships.

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

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

3.5. Develop and oversee the implementation of:

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

3.5.2. Policy relating to personnel determined to be in a missing status pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1513 (reference (a)) including, among other categories, members of the Armed Forces who are missing in action, or captured; and representation of the Department of Defense in such matters in interagency processes.

3.5.3. 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.

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

3.7. 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 Secretary of Defense through the USD(P), and shall:

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

4.1.1.1. The Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

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

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

4.1.3. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, whenever practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve 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 herein.

4.3. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to subsume or replace the responsibilities, functions, or authorities of the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commanders of Combatant Commands, or the Heads of Defense Agencies or the DoD Field Activities prescribed by law or DoD guidance.

## 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 (c)), 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 the Military Departments. Instructions to the Combatant Commands, except in unusual circumstances, 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 (d)), as necessary to carry out assigned functions.

5.3. Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components as necessary to carry out assigned functions, including the transmission of requests for advice and assistance. Communications to the Military Departments shall be transmitted through the Secretaries of the Military Departments, their designees, or as otherwise provided in law or directed by the Secretary of Defense in other DoD issuances. Communications to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands, except in unusual circumstances, shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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

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

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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