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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: Establishing a National Security Policy Planning
Committee

To strengthen and integrate the development of U.S. national security policy, I hereby establish the National Security Policy Planning Committee (NSPPC).

The NSPPC shall facilitate and coordinate interagency policy planning. The NSPPC shall aid United States Government policymaking and decisionmaking by bringing together policy planning bureaus from United States Government departments and agencies to analyze national security challenges and opportunities that lie beyond the near term, and to recommend coordinated policies.

The NSPPC's activities may include, but shall not be limited to:

- Coordinating interagency preparation and review of the National Security Strategy of the United States and other interagency strategic planning documents;
- Providing coordinated policy options and recommendations on subject areas beyond the near term;

- Analyzing and providing policy alternatives and recommendations for addressing key trends and emerging issues of significance to national security; and
- Examining plausible, high-impact scenarios.

At the direction of the National Security Council (NSC), or at the recommendation of the NSC Principals Committee (PC), the NSPPC shall undertake specific projects. With the approval of the NSC, or concurrence by the PC or the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the NSPPC may initiate other projects. The NSPPC shall report to the PC, unless otherwise directed by the NSC or the PC. The NSPPC shall meet regularly.

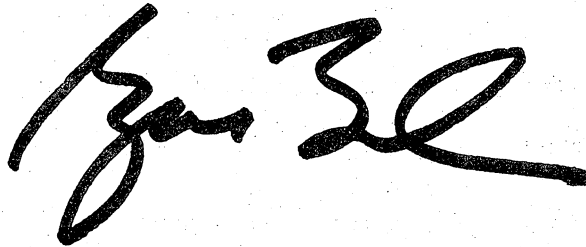
The NSPPC shall consist of the following members:

- From the Department of State, the Director of the Policy Planning Staff;
- From the Department of the Treasury, the Senior Economist for International Affairs;
- From the Department of Defense, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Planning;
- From the Department of Justice, the Assistant Attorney General for National Security;
- From the Department of Homeland Security, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy (Strategic Plans);
- From the Intelligence Community, the Counselor of the National Intelligence Council, with the support of the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Policy, Plans, and Requirements;
- From the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, Joint Staff/J-5; and
- From the staff of the NSC, the Special Advisor for Strategic Planning and the Senior Director for Strategic Planning.

The NSC or the PC may augment or subtract from the permanent membership of the NSPPC at any time. Executive departments and agencies may designate alternative representatives with the concurrence of the NSC or the PC. The NSPPC may include additional United States Government participants as appropriate, but such additional participants shall be on a temporary basis unless the NSC approves, or the PC concurs with, their permanent membership in the NSPPC.

Executive departments and agencies shall be responsive to requests from the NSPPC for appropriate information and assistance.

Existing United States Government interagency or intra-agency planning or operational efforts shall not be affected by the establishment of the NSPPC, nor does the NSPPC preclude the development of any other such efforts in the future. The NSPPC shall not be in derogation of the authorities and responsibilities of those cabinet secretaries and agency heads to which members of the NSPPC otherwise report.

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