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CHANGES

1. The establishment of a Coordinator for Afghanistan function responsible for overseeing all aspects of policy towards Afghanistan. Working with appropriate agencies and bureaus, the Coordinator is responsible for designing assistance strategies and coordinating policies within the Executive Branch to advance security objectives as well as democratic and economic reforms in Afghanistan.

2. The establishment of the Office for Afghan Reconstruction. This office will be responsible for oversight of all U.S. funds dedicated to Afghanistan reconstruction including the coordination and implementation of security assistance, humanitarian and reconstruction programs, as well as counter-narcotics and private sector and civil society development.

3. The Office of Public Diplomacy (SA/PPD) has been reorganized and is now the Office of Press and Public Diplomacy (SA/PPD). Since all press and public affairs functions are now in this office, the new name more accurately reflects this change. The organizational chart for the bureau has been updated as well. Minor editorial changes have been made throughout.

4. Legal authority and additional reference materials can be found at the following web sites:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)—
<http://frwebgate.access.gov/egi-bin/get-cfr>;
- 5 United States Code (U.S.C.)—
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode>; and
- Office of Personnel Management—
<http://www.opm.gov>

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5. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

6. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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