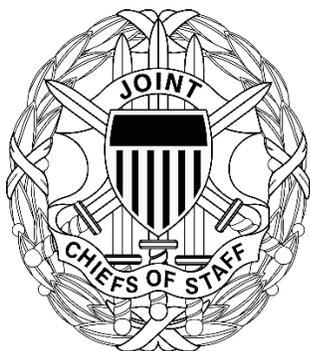


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References:

a. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5105.65, "Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)," 26 October 2012

b. DoDD 5132.03, "DoD Policy and Responsibilities Relating to Security Cooperation," 29 December 2016

c. DoD Instruction 5111.19, Change 1, "Section 2282 Global Train-and-Equip Authority," 8 May 2017

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes policy governing involvement of U.S. Service members in inter-service disputes within the armed forces of other countries.

2. Superseded/Canceled. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) Instruction 2610.01D, "U.S. Involvement in Inter-Service Disputes Within the Armed Forces of Other Countries," 16 May 2014, is superseded.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, Services, and Combatant Commands.

4. Policy

a. The U.S. military's involvement in a variety of programs brings it into contact with the military of many countries around the world. In some of these countries, there is dissension among the military services concerning service roles and missions. In the past, it may have appeared that the United States was taking a position in a number of these controversies. Such an appearance could be interpreted as interference in a dispute.

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b. U.S. military personnel should avoid any action or statement that could be construed as advancing or supporting controversy regarding the roles and missions of military services of other countries or as indicating a desire or intent on the part of the United States to adjudicate these disputes. Such situations are counterproductive and can only make the achievement of U.S. objectives more difficult.

5. Responsibilities. U.S. military personnel should promote cooperation among the services of foreign countries through approved security cooperation activities in accordance with references a through c, but they should not become involved in controversies regarding the roles and missions of the military services of other countries.

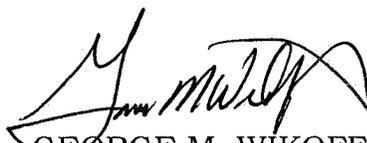
6. Procedures. U.S. military personnel should seek to avoid situations that may lead to U.S. involvement in inter-service disputes among the armed forces of other countries. Attempts to involve U.S. military personnel in such disputes, or circumstances that appear to make such involvement unavoidable, will be referred to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy through the CJCS.

7. Summary of Changes. This update includes the most current version of necessary references governing the DoD's security cooperation mission and updates the releasability section (paragraph 8, "Releasability") with the current directive library locations.

8. Releasability. UNRESTRICTED. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DoD Components (including the Combatant Commands), other Federal Agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this instruction through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page at: <<https://www.jcs.mil/library>>. Joint Staff activities may also obtain access via the SIPRNET directives Electronic Library Web sites.

9. Effective Date. This INSTRUCTION is effective upon receipt.

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