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MILITARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS OR FRIENDLY FOREIGN NATIONS

References:

See Enclosure B

1. Purpose. The instruction provides policy on negotiating and concluding international military telecommunications agreements and arrangements to sell or exchange telecommunications support or services to allow the transfer of data and voice traffic between the United States and regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations. It also provides for delegation of authority for certain kinds of telecommunications agreements.

2. Superseded/Cancellation. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 6740.01C, 18 January 2013, is hereby superseded.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the formation of certain international military telecommunications agreements and arrangements to be concluded under the authority of the CJCS under Department of Defense (DoD) authority. Some military telecommunications arrangements are not considered international agreements, e.g., foreign military sales (FMS) credit agreements, FMS letters of offer and acceptance (LOAs), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) standardization agreements (STANAGs) that only establish implementing procedures, and sales or acquisitions under existing Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreements (ACSAs).

4. Policy. DoD policy for the transfer of data or voice traffic between the U.S. military telecommunications systems and regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations and the exchange of telecommunications services is that such transfer and/or exchange is authorized when such an arrangement is in the U.S. national interest. For example, when the arrangement:

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- a. Is based on U.S. military requirements, as in the case of active combined military operations.
 - b. Assists in fulfilling broader U.S. international agreements, including support of contingency or war plans.
 - c. Provides for transmitting telecommunications between the United States and foreign units or commands.
 - d. Improves the reliability of U.S. military telecommunications by providing alternate routes or reserve capacity.
 - e. Furthers specific goals (e.g., rationalization, standardization, and interoperability) consistent with current DoD policies.
5. Definitions. See Appendix A to Enclosure A.
 6. Responsibilities. See Enclosure A.
 7. Summary of Changes. Changes include the removal or replacement of outdated references, as well as grammatical and formatting corrections.
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 9. Effective Date. This INSTRUCTION is effective upon receipt.

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Enclosures

- A — General Policy and Instructions
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ENCLOSURE A

GENERAL POLICY AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction. Enclosure A provides policy and procedures on negotiating and concluding international military telecommunications agreements and arrangements to sell or exchange telecommunications support or services to allow the transfer of data and voice traffic between the United States and regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations. It also provides for delegation of authority for certain kinds of telecommunications agreements. This instruction does not rescind or necessitate any changes in existing agreements between the United States and regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations.

2. Applicability. This CJCSI applies to the formation of certain international military telecommunications agreements and arrangements to be concluded under the authority of the CJCS or DoD authority (some military telecommunications arrangements are not considered international agreements: FMS credit agreements, FMS LOAs; NATO STANAGs that only establish implementing procedures; sales or acquisitions under existing ACSAs). This CJCSI does not apply to:

a. The procurement, including lease, of telecommunications services and related equipment from foreign commercial telecommunications entities.

b. Negotiation of international military telecommunications agreements involving matters delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments (single-Service matters).

3. Authority to Negotiate and Conclude. Within the DoD, the authority to negotiate and conclude international agreements originates with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef) and, in separate areas of cognizance, has been delegated by reference b to the Secretaries of the Military Departments; certain Under or Assistant Secretaries of Defense; the CJCS; and Directors of Defense agencies.

a. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. When the proposed agreement concerns operational command of joint forces, the CJCS has been delegated the authority to negotiate and conclude international agreements related to the sharing or exchange of DoD communications equipment, facilities, support, services, or other communications resources (including agreements under reference q); the use of U.S. military frequencies or frequency bands; and the use of U.S. communications facilities and/or systems by foreign organizations, whether overseas or in the continental United States. The CJCS has delegated this approval authority to the Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) to negotiate

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and conclude international agreements concerning military telecommunications systems and resources with the exception of those communication services listed below. Further delegation by the CCDRs to the commanders of subordinate unified commands, component commands, joint task forces, and U.S. Defense representatives is authorized.

(1) Communications security (COMSEC) equipment is normally provided to foreign governments or international organizations in one of two ways: either as a sale via FMS/COMSEC Device Services procedures administered by Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), or as a loan or temporary transfer using reference r as legal authority and telecommunications agreement procedures under this CJCSI and reference o. A third way to provide COMSEC equipment to foreign governments is through Direct Commercial Sales (DCS). DCS supports High Assurance Cryptographic Equipment and is only available to FVEY nations. The Committee on National Security Systems must specifically authorize any release to friendly foreign nations of U.S. COMSEC equipment, which may be associated with telecommunications agreements. Negotiation and conclusion of such agreements can be accomplished only after the required COMSEC equipment has been specifically authorized for release in accordance with (IAW) subparagraph 7.d. of this Enclosure. All telecommunications agreements concerning COMSEC will be coordinated with the National Security Agency (NSA).

(2) The Defense Information System includes the Organization Messaging Service (fee-for-service), Defense Information Systems Network, Defense Red Switch Network, their electronically connected subscribers, their successor systems, and the transmission facilities of these systems.

(3) CJCS-controlled telecommunications and C2 equipment.

(4) Military Satellite Communications. The CJCS reviews and forwards recommendations to DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) on any international agreements concerning satellite communications as defined in reference n. Regional CCMDs or other sponsoring U.S. organizations requiring international satellite communications agreements to be negotiated will follow procedures established by reference n.

(5) Configuration management procedural interface standards (message text formats and tactical digital information links) and technical interface standards (spread spectrum communications systems).

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(6) Communications Electronics agreements under the purview of the Military Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Executive Board (MC4EB).

(7) Requests to commit these assets to a non-U.S. user must be submitted to the CJCS. Requesters should review references c, l, s, m, k, and t, as applicable, before preparing the request.

b. Office of the Secretary of Defense. CJCS delegation is limited in certain circumstances. Any request to negotiate and conclude proposed agreements involving one or more of these areas must be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) via the Joint Staff for approval.

(1) Proposed international agreements having policy significance; i.e., agreements that require Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Security Policy approval under the criteria set forth in subparagraph h of reference b.

(2) Proposed international agreements relying on reference v to limit free and open competition to conduct procurement.

(3) Proposed international agreements that, when implemented, require new legislation.

c. Unified Command Authority in a Major Emergency Overseas. In a major emergency, an overseas commander of a unified command is delegated full CJCS authority to negotiate and conclude international military telecommunication agreements with regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations when such arrangements are in the national interest. Agreement duration must be limited to the period of the major emergency. Although a written agreement is not required before action can take place, any oral agreements should be put in writing as soon as possible. After the emergency has passed, any requirement for continued communications support will be formalized by agreement. These proposed agreements will be concluded IAW this CJCSI.

4. FMS Arrangements. Under FMS military telecommunications arrangements, the United States provides telecommunications support or training through security assistance procedures to regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations on a reimbursable basis. DSCA is the principal DoD element through which the SecDef carries out administration for FMS and other security assistance matters IAW references h and f. The Director, DSCA has been delegated all authority of the SecDef for security assistance. The CJCS, in coordination with the Services, advises on security assistance requests. Specifically, the Joint Staff Director for Strategy, Plans,

and Policy, J-5 is the designated Joint Staff principal for security assistance concerning politico-military matters, and the Joint Staff Director for Logistics, J-4 is the designated Joint Staff principal for all security assistance implementation and execution matters in peacetime. The Joint Staff Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, J-6 coordinates, through a CJCSI 6740.01 action, international agreements that are associated with FMS cases. In the case of any inconsistency between an FMS LOA and international agreement, FMS procedures will take precedence. Requests to buy or lease telecommunications equipment through FMS procedures will comply with the provisions of reference f. Initial points of contact for an interested foreign government may include the Security Assistance Organization (SAO) attached to the cognizant U.S. diplomatic mission or responsible Joint Staff or Service components, as appropriate. Any individual who receives a security assistance request for telecommunications support should forward that request, and any related correspondence, to either the CJCS, cognizant SAO, or Service element. When finalized, these arrangements will be described in FMS LOAs or leases that may not be concluded without the authorization of DSCA and Service element.

5. STANAGs. The MC4EB is designated as the coordination authority on all STANAGs involving military telecommunications.

6. Policy. The transfer of data or voice traffic between the military telecommunications systems of the United States and regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations and the exchange of telecommunications services is authorized when such an arrangement is in the U.S. national interest. For example, when the arrangement:

a. Is based on U.S. military requirements, as in the case of active combined military operations.

b. Assists in the fulfilling of broader U.S. international agreements, including support of contingency or war plans.

c. Provides for transmitting telecommunications between the United States and foreign units or commands.

d. Improves the reliability of U.S. military telecommunications by providing alternate routes or reserve capacity.

e. Furthers specific goals (e.g., rationalization, standardization, and interoperability) consistent with current DoD policies.

7. General Information

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a. Requests To Establish Agreements. A request may originate as follows:

(1) Formal Request from Foreign Entity. A formal request for services from a regional defense organization or a friendly foreign nation.

(2) U.S. Offer to Foreign Entity. A formal U.S. offer of services to a regional defense organization or a friendly foreign nation.

(3) Request by the United States. A request by the United States to use military telecommunications services of a regional defense organization or friendly foreign nation.

b. Agreement Considerations

(1) In determining the extent of U.S. military communications support to be provided to a regional defense organization or friendly foreign nation, the available capacity of the U.S. military telecommunications system and the releasability of the required cryptographic equipment should be considered. In reviewing the capacity of U.S. military telecommunications systems, both fixed and mobile or transportable, U.S. contingency and war plan requirements should be noted. Additionally, a determination must be made that the requirement is within the capability of the U.S. military telecommunications system and that the establishment of the capability would be in the U.S. national interest as determined on a case-by-case basis. Approval of requests for providing services will not constitute authority to improve or expand U.S. military telecommunications systems.

(2) Foreign military traffic will normally use commercial telecommunications facilities unless a U.S. determination is made that adequate, cost-effective commercial facilities are not otherwise available or that the use of military facilities best serves U.S. national interests.

(3) Agreements that authorize generalized or unspecified use of U.S. or non-U.S. military telecommunications will not be concluded. The approval authority will ensure that the agreement clearly defines:

(a) All obligations and benefits concerning military communications support and related supplies and services to be provided.

(b) The mechanism to determine and allocate project or reimbursement costs or other contributions.

(c) Agreement duration should not exceed 5 years without specific reason.

(4) International agreements to provide alternate route communications services for the United States will not prevent justification of subsequent unilateral, parallel, or alternate circuitry or increased capacity in primary U.S. circuitry to meet expected requirements for unilateral operations.

(5) If a military telecommunications arrangement can be appropriately documented within the terms and conditions of an FMS LOA, the FMS case is not an international agreement to be concluded under this CJCSI. However, if all participants request otherwise, an international agreement may be concluded to supplement the FMS case. Conversely, if the participants do not want to enter into an agreement but want to address any terms and conditions of the arrangement not in the LOA, the terms and conditions may be appended to the LOA.

(6) Communications Interoperability and Security Memorandum of Agreements provide the legal framework and mechanism for the long-term transfer and safeguarding of COMSEC equipment and information necessary to establish and enhance strategic partnerships and mutual Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance endeavors. See reference o.

(7) INFOSEC Equipment Arrangements (IEAs) provide the framework between the DoD and a foreign partner for the short-term and/or isolated loan and the safeguard of COMSEC equipment and information, including Cryptographic High Value Products. IEAs will be processed IAW the IEA template. See reference o.

(8) In drafting agreements, interoperability requirements should be considered and specifically stated in the agreement.

c. Restrictions on Agreements. Agreements concluded with regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations are subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Unless approved on a case-by-case basis by the CJCS, the following will not be accepted in negotiated agreements:

(a) Data and voice traffic originated by friendly foreign military missions in the United States (except as provided in subparagraph c.(5) below).

(b) Non-military data and voice traffic.

(2) Traffic Constraints. The United States reserves the unilateral right to suspend, limit (e.g., MINIMIZE), or terminate the handling of foreign traffic

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(voice or data), when necessary, IAW U.S. policies and procedures. All proposed agreements will provide that the United States retains this right. The exercise of this right by the United States may require that non-U.S. data traffic be processed by ways other than those provided in the agreement or arrangement under conditions such as MINIMIZE. If circumstances allow, the United States will notify all other signatories concerned when such action is pending.

(3) Transfer Points. Unless provided for by separate agreement, traffic originated by a regional defense organization or friendly foreign nation will not be transmitted over U.S. military facilities that parallel facilities of the originating or receiving nation or organization. Such traffic will be shifted either at the designated transfer points in the record or voice traffic network or at the nearest convenient point where such a parallel occurs. However, this provision will not prevent onward routing of such traffic when parallel facilities available to the originator or receiver are temporarily disrupted.

(4) Classified Traffic. Nonreleasable U.S. national classified traffic intended for U.S. addressees served by a foreign communications system will be encrypted in a Director, NSA-approved High Assurance Cryptographic Equipment and/or Commercial Solutions for Classified cryptographic system common to the originator and addressees before transfer into the foreign communications systems.

(5) Exception. Restrictions (1) and (3) will not apply when contrary to international agreements in force, U.S. law, or regulation. In these situations (unless otherwise provided in U.S. security regulations), non-U.S. record, data, and voice traffic will be handled as if the traffic were that of the United States.

(6) Availability. All agreements will be subject to availability of appropriations.

d. Cryptographic Equipment. Before initiating discussion or negotiations on international telecommunications matters, U.S. personnel must define the need, or expected need, for U.S. COMSEC or cryptographic equipment. When use of U.S. cryptographic equipment is implied or possible, but not absolutely required, discussions may be conducted; however, no COMSEC equipment may be committed or discussed other than to acknowledge that some type of U.S. government or commercial cryptographic equipment may be required. Reference o contains specific guidance and must be consulted before initiating discussions on disclosure or release of U.S. COMSEC information to a foreign government or international organization.

e. Telecommunications Aspects of Other International Agreements.

Military telecommunications support, supplies, and services, such as the exchange of telecommunications services and data and voice traffic, may be part of more comprehensive international agreements. The telecommunications aspects of those agreements are governed by the policy herein.

8. Procedures. Follow these steps to conclude an international agreement:

a. Determination of Approval Authority. The individual who can authorize the negotiation and conclusion of the agreement will be determined IAW paragraph 2 above.

(1) Identify the objectives to be attained and specific categories and availability of implementing military telecommunications support, supplies, and services necessary to achieve these objectives.

(2) Review this CJCSI and other DoD regulations to determine the appropriate approval authority concerning these categories.

(3) Informally meet with cognizant staff officers assigned to the approval authority to ascertain applicable policies.

b. Consideration of Legislative, Legal, Funding, and Foreign Disclosure Authorities. Review legislative and funding authority using the considerations below and in Appendix A of this enclosure to determine the basis to establish and execute U.S. obligations or receive benefits to or from regional defense organizations or friendly foreign governments. In addition to holding or obtaining the authority to negotiate or conclude an international telecommunications agreement addressed in paragraph 3 above, the responsible officer must be assured that substantive U.S. legal authority exists to undertake each obligation or receive each benefit identified in the agreement by the U.S. government. Also, funding must be available to undertake any responsibility created by the agreement. This substantive legal authority must be found in constitutional, statutory, treaty, or other law applicable to the subject matter involved in the agreement. In this regard, several principles apply:

(1) Lack of a specific prohibition in the law does not constitute substantive legal authority. The execution of each responsibility and the acceptance of each benefit must be specifically authorized.

(2) Congress appropriates funds for specific purposes; funds must be applied only to those purposes. Expenditure of these funds must be proper

and restricted to those amounts allocated by proper authority. No funds may be expended in excess of or in advance of the amount allocated.

(3) DoD funds are authorized and appropriated for DoD missions, not foreign assistance. Defense articles and services obtained with congressional appropriations may not be sold, transferred, leased, loaned, or otherwise disposed of to foreign countries except as specifically authorized by law. Foreign assistance funds are separately authorized and appropriated.

(4) Several U.S. laws provide established avenues for providing U.S. military telecommunications assets to regional defense organizations or friendly foreign governments.

(5) Prior to negotiating an international agreement that may require the disclosure of classified military information to a foreign government or international organization, approval must be obtained from the originating authority for the information concerned. In some cases, an exception to the National Disclosure Policy may be required.

c. Conduct of Nonbinding Exploratory Discussions

(1) After making the above determinations, approach the responsible foreign government agency to begin nonbinding, exploratory discussions to determine if the basis for an agreement exists. If so, prepare a draft agreement, but do not provide it to any representative of the foreign government until authority to negotiate is received. Minutes of such nonbinding discussions will be kept as part of the negotiating history.

(2) Adhere to local regulations concerning these discussions. Do not make any commitment on behalf of the United States.

(3) Although nonbinding exploratory discussions are generally authorized without reference to higher authority, advise higher authority of intended discussions with foreign officials, when appropriate.

(4) Avoid discussion of: any pending authorization to release U.S. classified information until authorized IAW reference i; specific U.S. COMSEC measures or equipment or cryptographic equipment until authorized IAW reference o.

d. Preparation and Submission of the Request To Negotiate and Conclude an Agreement, the Draft Text, and Other Supporting Documents. An approval authority may negotiate and conclude an international agreement within his or her area of authority. If the requester does not hold such authority, he or she

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must submit a letter or message request for authority to negotiate and/or conclude an agreement together with the draft agreement and other supporting documents via the chain of command to the approval authority. CCMDs, Defense agencies responsive to the CJCS, and, when appropriate, the Military Services will submit all requests concerning proposed military telecommunications agreements that require CJCS or OSD approval or coordination to the Joint Staff DJ-6.

(1) Request. The request should reference this CJCSI and other applicable DoD directives and clearly state its purpose.

(2) Draft Text. A draft text should normally be provided with the request. If a draft text is not available, an outline of the proposed agreement should be submitted with the request to the approval authority.

(3) Support Documents. The following additional documents will be submitted with the draft international agreement:

(a) The Legal Memorandum which specifically identifies the constitutional, statutory, treaty, or other legal authority that authorizes the United States to undertake each obligation and to receive each benefit and any other relevant legal considerations in the proposed agreement. Legal Memorandum considerations are at Appendix B of this enclosure.

(b) The Fiscal Memorandum which provides the estimated cost, by fiscal year, to each participant to undertake all proposed project obligations, the source of obligation funding, or if all funds are not presently available or programmed for out-years, an explanation of any plan to obtain additional funds or legislative funding authority. Computations for exchanges of equivalent value and the method for determining value also should be included.

(c) A Technology Assessment/Control Plan (TA/CP) which:

1. Describes the scope of the agreement.
2. Identifies the technologies and sensitive information involved.
3. Evaluates the foreign technologies or other benefits the United States is likely to acquire.
4. Assesses the risk to U.S. information.
5. Proposes foreign disclosure guidance.

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6. Prescribes specific requirements for the protection of sensitive and classified technical information during the course of the agreement. Additional information describing the TA/CP is contained in reference b.

e. Processing Requests Under CJCS Authority. As described in paragraph 3 of this enclosure, some international agreements require OSD approval. For these agreements, the Joint Staff element primarily responsible will prepare a cover letter to OSD, with an information copy to the requesting CCMD or agency, and forward the request to OSD for further action or approval, as appropriate. Most telecommunications agreements submitted to the Joint Staff, however, fall under the CJCS's authority and require OSD and Department of State (DOS) coordination. To accomplish this requirement, the DJ-6 will follow these procedures:

(1) J-6 will obtain informal comments from the appropriate OSD, DOS, and Joint Staff directorates on the request before submission for formal action. The requester and cognizant Joint Staff element will be advised of these comments in order to modify the draft agreement to make it conform to U.S. law and OSD, DOS, and CJCS policy.

(2) The cognizant Joint Staff element will submit the request and all associated documents to the Joint Staff, Services, and DoD agencies, as appropriate, for CJCS approval IAW the staffing procedures provided in reference p.

(3) Thereafter, the cognizant Joint Staff element will obtain coordination from OSD and DOS, including, as appropriate, DoD CIO, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Security Policy), Comptroller, and General Counsel. Information copies of the request and associated documentation will be provided as necessary.

(4) After coordination is complete, the Director, Joint Staff (DJS) will provide the response on behalf of the CJCS IAW reference p procedures. Generally, the response will authorize both negotiation and conclusion of the agreement as long as the final negotiated text does not result in substantive changes to the approved draft text. Substantive changes include those provisions that, by themselves, might form the basis of a separate agreement or propose a new or altered significant obligation not previously contemplated by the parties. If the negotiation process appears to be leading toward substantive changes to the approved text, a request for authority to negotiate and conclude these changes should be submitted in the same manner as previously done. Also, if additional direction, coordination, or approval to negotiate substantial changes is required during ongoing negotiations, the negotiators should send a

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message to the CJCS with information copies to all concerned. The request message should provide a draft text and any modifications to the legal or fiscal memorandums or TA/CP and a schedule of future negotiations.

f. Processing Requests that Require DOS Approval. Some telecommunications agreements submitted to the CJCS require DOS approval IAW reference q. After coordination has been completed, the proposed agreement will be forwarded to DOS for approval. Thereafter, the DJS will provide the response on behalf of the CJCS IAW reference p procedures.

g. Negotiation. Before beginning negotiations, reference b will be consulted for additional guidance concerning the exercise of the authority to negotiate or conclude an international agreement. The negotiating team should be well versed on all the aspects of each agreement, particularly any limits on the legal authority and funding source supporting the agreement, any existing politico-military sensitivities, and all pertinent details of military telecommunications associated with the agreement.

h. Conclusion. The execution of the agreement indicates that the participants will abide by its terms in full. Conclusion of an agreement will occur only after receipt of proper authorization.

i. Distribution. Certified and signed copies of the international agreement will be mailed to the following offices not later than 20 days after the agreement has been signed. A letter of transmittal is required for each agreement. A sample format is provided at Appendix B of this enclosure.

(1) Two copies to DoD General Counsel, Washington, DC 20301-1600.

(2) One copy to the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

(3) One copy to DoD CIO.

(4) One copy to the Secretary, Joint Staff.

(5) One copy to DJ-6.

(6) One copy to all affected Services and other DoD agencies.

j. Case-Zablocki Act. Offices responsible for reporting agreements under the Case Act and this CJCSI will, under all circumstances, take appropriate action to ensure that their reporting procedures result in the transmission of certified copies of international agreements so as to arrive at the Office of the

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Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC, 20520, not later than 20 days after the agreements have been signed (as required by title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, section 181.5). In the past, Congress has denied funding for implementation of agreements that failed to be transmitted to Congress within the statutory time limits of the Case Act.

k. Historical Records. The concluding command will compile a complete record of the agreement, including the negotiating period, the period in which the agreement and any subsequent agreements remain in force, and thereafter, as appropriate. The concluding command will maintain a permanent record of each completed action, including all applicable coordination (inside and outside of DoD) and authorizations.

1. Agreement Suspension, Amendment, Renewal, or Termination. The CJCS must approve any request to substantively amend or prematurely terminate any agreement or to suspend performance under any agreement entered into under subparagraph 3.a. of this enclosure. The DJ-6 is authorized to approve any request to renew agreements entered into under the provisions of this CJCSI. No request is required in cases where the commander who wishes to take such action has been delegated the authority to negotiate and conclude the agreement under consideration as stated in subparagraph 3.a. of this enclosure. The commander may act and later advise all concerned of the action. If a commander subordinate to an approval authority other than the CJCS or OSD wishes to take such action, the commander will submit the request to that approval authority through the chain of command.

(1) Concluding commanders at all levels are authorized to negotiate and conclude non-substantive modifications to agreements within the terms of the original concluding authority. Such modifications will be reported immediately after conclusion in writing to the addressees.

(2) Substantive changes will be referred to the original approval authority via the chain of command.

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APPENDIX A TO ENCLOSURE A

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply:

1. U.S. Military Telecommunications Systems. All U.S. military telecommunications, including:

a. The Department of Defense Information Networks (DoDIN), as defined in Enclosure I of reference e.

b. Tactical and other non-DoDIN telecommunications systems.

2. Exchange of Telecommunications Services

a. The allocation of telecommunications capacity, systems, or circuits as a service on a mutually beneficial basis in the military telecommunications systems of both the United States and a regional defense organization or a friendly foreign nation.

b. The exchange of telecommunications services may include intersystem connections.

3. Transmission of Data and Voice Traffic. The processing and transmitting of data and voice traffic between U.S.-operated military telecommunications systems and those operated by regional defense organizations or friendly foreign nations.

4. Classified Military Information. Information originated by or for the DoD or its agencies or that is under their jurisdiction or control and requires protection in the interests of national security. Such information is designated TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL, as described in Executive Order 12356. Classified military information may be in oral, visual, or material form. Classified military information **does not** include National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Information (e.g., COMSEC).

5. Military Telecommunications Agreement. Any agreements to provide, receive, or exchange telecommunications services. The Military Telecommunications Agreement may or may not be an “international agreement” using the definition below.

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a. Any agreement that is concluded with one or more foreign governments (including their agencies, an instrumentality, or political subdivisions) or with an international organization, if the agreement:

(1) Is signed or agreed to by personnel of any DoD component or representatives of the DOS or other agencies of the U.S. government.

(2) Signifies the intention of the parties to be bound in international law or bound by an existing Chapeau Agreement between the parties.

(3) Is called an “international agreement,” “memorandum of understanding,” “exchange of notes,” “exchange of letters,” “technical arrangement,” “protocol,” “note verbal,” “aide memoir,” “agreed minute,” “plan,” “contract,” “arrangement,” or some other name having a similar legal consequence.

b. Any oral agreement that meets the criteria of subparagraph 5.a. above (oral agreements must be subsequently committed to writing by the DoD representative who enters into the agreement).

6. Negotiation. Communication of a position or an offer on behalf of the United States, DoD, or a DoD representative to a foreign government representative (agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision) or to an international organization in such detail that, if accepted in substance, would result in an international agreement. The term “negotiation” includes any such communication conditional upon later approval by higher authority, but excludes preliminary and exploratory discussions or routine meetings conducted with the understanding that the views communicated are not binding on any side. The term “negotiation” also includes provision of a draft agreement or other document, the acceptance of which would constitute an agreement.

7. Conclusion. The act of signing, initialing, responding, or otherwise indicating the acceptance of an international agreement, as then negotiated, by the United States.

8. Rationalization

a. The overall concept that includes such measures as:

(1) Consolidating support activities.

(2) Mutual cooperation and support.

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- (3) Restructuring of forces.
- (4) Specializing appropriate defense tasks.
- (5) Standardization.

b. In telecommunications, rationalization includes mutual support actions; e.g., interconnections, joint operation, collocation, consolidation, or integration of the separate NATO and NATO member strategic and tactical telecommunications subsystems and systems.

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APPENDIX B TO ENCLOSURE A

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

This appendix identifies the available legislative authority to implement the exchange of military telecommunications with foreign military establishments.

1. Joint Use of Communications Facilities

a. Joint use of communications facilities normally involves cost sharing of implementing telecommunications interconnections and procuring, operating, and maintaining telecommunications systems.

b. The legal authority for the United States to share telecommunications support costs and responsibilities with another government or international organization to accomplish individual responsibilities through joint activity is inherently, rather than expressly, provided to the DoD and the operational chain of command.

c. If a joint cost-sharing project would further a U.S.-only requirement, U.S.-appropriated funds can be expended in support of the project. If no U.S. requirement will be filled by the agreement, the cost-sharing project should not proceed. It is not lawful.

d. Except when specifically authorized, the United States cannot contribute appropriated funds to another government or international organization to acquire articles that will be owned jointly by the other foreign participant(s). In cost-shared projects, each participant exercises its own procurement authority to obtain project equipment; contributes equipment, supplies, and services to the project; and retains property title and control over its manpower.

2. FMS Sale and Lease. If the United States provides defense equipment or services to another government or an international organization to allow the other government or organization to perform its responsibilities under a cost-shared program, the equipment or services should be provided under the Arms Export Control Act (sales or leases) or the Foreign Assistance Act (grant aid). A brief synopsis of some of the various FMS sale and lease procedures follows.

a. FMS regulations for sale or lease of materials normally require the United States to recover all costs. Exceptions to this requirement may be requested from the Director, DSCA for leases entered into for cooperative research or development, military exercises, communications or electronic

interface projects, or for any defense article that has passed three-quarters of its normal service life.

b. To lease telecommunications equipment through FMS procedures, DSCA must be shown that:

(1) Compelling foreign policy and national security reasons exist for providing such articles on a lease rather than a sale basis.

(2) The articles are not needed for the lease period for public use.

(3) Either the U.S. government will need the articles back or the foreign government will not need the articles indefinitely.

c. The legal difference between a sale and a lease is that, in a sale, the title to the sold article transfers; in a lease, it does not. However, many elements of title may be retained by a seller as conditions of sale. For example, FMS sales condition the transaction upon the buyer's waiver of the right to resell the item to a third party without the consent of the original seller. Under the Arms Export Control Act, a lease may be terminated under the same conditions as a sale.

d. An international agreement may include provision for FMS sales or leases; however, the actual FMS sale or lease documentation is not an international agreement and, as a result, the staffing of such documents for approval is IAW the Security Assistance Management Manual (reference f).

3. Telecommunications System Access Exchange

a. An arrangement may contemplate the exchange of telecommunications system access between the United States and another government or international organization. Such substantial communications services involved in this type of arrangement do not qualify as reciprocal international courtesies or as services customarily made available without charge.

b. The NATO Mutual Support Act (NMSA), reference u, (also known as the ACSA statute) authorizes the exchange of logistic support (including telecommunications services) under certain conditions. These conditions include the exchange of support, pursuant to cross-servicing agreements, with both NATO and certain non-NATO countries, NATO subsidiary bodies, the United Nations, and other regional international organizations, as applicable. NMSA allows for transfers effected on a reimbursement basis, by replacement in kind, or by exchange of supplies or services of equal value. Credits and liabilities must be liquidated at least quarterly.

c. Independent of NMSA, the DoD Authorization Act for FY 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-189) amended title 10, U.S. Code by inserting a new section, 2350f, "Revision and Extension of Authority for Procurement of Communications Support and Related Supplies and Services from Other Nations" (reference q). Under this provision, in return for being provided communications support and related supplies and services, the United States would agree to provide an equivalent value of communications support and related supplies and services. In addition, this provision requires that any accrued credits and liabilities resulting from an unequal exchange during the term of the arrangement be liquidated by direct payment to the party that provided the greater amount. Liquidation would be made at times agreed upon by the parties and the final liquidation could be no later than 30 days after the end of the term of the arrangement. Accrued credits and liabilities also would be reconciled annually. Any liability of the United States resulting from reconciliation would be charged against the applicable appropriation available to the DoD (at the time of reconciliation) for obligation for communications support and related supplies and services. Any payments received by the United States would be credited to the appropriation from which such communications support and related supplies and services were provided. Such arrangements would be limited to 5 years or less and would be treated as international agreements for approval, signing, and reporting purposes. This provision authorizes the SecDef, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State (SecState), to enter into a bilateral or multilateral arrangement with:

(1) NATO or any other international organization the SecDef designates as an allied international organization.

(2) Any NATO country, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, or any other country the SecDef, with the concurrence of the SecState, designates as an allied country.

4. Cryptographic Support. Arrangements may involve government cryptographic equipment or authorized commercial solution for classified products. Sometimes, U.S. military COMSEC equipment required to transmit and receive classified information must be made available to other governments or to an international organization.

a. In addition to the Arms Export Control Act (sales or leases) and the Foreign Assistance Act (grant aid), in appropriate circumstances the provisions of reference r provide a legal basis for temporary transfers of cryptographic support, to include COMSEC equipment to foreign governments. Reference r authorizes the SecDef to use funds available to the DoD for intelligence and communications purposes to pay for the expenses of arrangements with foreign countries for cryptographic support.

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b. The temporary transfer of cryptographic support will be effected by an international agreement and will require DoD, CCMD, CJCS, and NSA coordination and approval. Specific cryptographic equipment will require reference o release authority before being discussed with a foreign country, and the method of transfer must be approved under a reference o Release in Specific.

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APPENDIX C TO ENCLOSURE A SAMPLE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Date:

From: (e.g., Headquarters, USEUCOM/J-6)

To: Distribution

Subject: Transmittal of an International Agreement

1. Type of Agreement (e.g., bilateral or multilateral).
2. Parties to the Agreement.
3. Title and subtitle, as appropriate.
4. Subject of the Agreement.
5. Summary of the terms of the Agreement.
6. All agencies, U.S. and foreign, responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Agreement.
7. Background information, including reference to any treaty or other agreement that the Agreement implements and the circumstances under which it was negotiated. Including the title(s) and date(s) of agreement(s), if any, on which the Agreement is based or that the Agreement amends.
8. The effect of the Agreement, including the benefits to be gained and the costs to the parties.
9. Discussion of the legal authority that authorizes the Department of Defense or its agencies to enter into the Agreement.
10. Date of signature and date the agreement will enter into force.
11. Period of the Agreement and the expected date of termination.
12. Printed names of all signing officials, their titles and offices they represent, and their countries or international organizations.
13. Geographic location where the Agreement was signed.
14. Organizational element responsible for maintaining the negotiating history for the Agreement.

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REFERENCES

The following references are basic to this CJCSI and are the guiding documents for international agreements, military telecommunications, and Joint Staff staffing procedures related to international agreements.

- a. DoDD 2010.09, 28 April 2003 incorporating Change 2, 31 August 2018, "Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreements"
- b. DoDI 5530.03, 4 December 2019, "International Agreements"
- c. CJCSI 2300.01 Series, "International Agreements"
- d. CJCSI 5116.05 Series, "Military Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Executive Group (MC4EB)"
- e. DoDD 5105.19, February 2022, "Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)"
- f. DoDD 5105.65, 26 October 2012, "Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)"
- g. DoDI 8523.01, 6 January 2021, "Communications Security (COMSEC)"
- h. DoDD 5132.03, 29 December 2016, "DoD Policy and Responsibilities Relating to Security Cooperation"
- i. DoDD 5230.11, 16 June 1992, "Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations"
- j. CJCSI 3110.10 Series, "Communications Systems Supplement to the Joint Strategic Campaign Plan (JSCP)"
- k. CJCSI 5116.05 Series "Military Command, Control, Communication, and Computers Executive Board (MC4EB)"
- l. CJCSI 5721.01 Series, "Organization Messaging Service"
- m. CJCSI 6211.02 Series, "Defense Information System Network (DISN): Policy, Responsibilities and Processes"
- n. CJCSI 6250.01 Series, "Department of Defense Satellite Communications"

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- o. CJCSI 6510.06 Series, “Communications Security Releases to Foreign Nations”
- p. CJCSI 5711.01 Series, “Action Processing Policies and Procedures”
- q. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 2350f
- r. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 421
- s. CJCSI 6110.01 Series, “Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff-Controlled Communications Assets”
- t. CJCSM 6510.01 Series, “Cyber Incident Handling Program”
- u. Title 10, U.S. Code, sections 2341–2350
- v. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 2304