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SUBJECT: Arms Export Reporting Under the United Nations Transparency in
Armaments Resolution and the Wassenaar Arrangement

On December 9, 1991, the United Nations adopted Resolution 46/361, entitled "Transparency in Armaments" (TIA). This resolution established the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms to be based at U.N. headquarters in New York City. Under this resolution, U.N. members were requested to provide by 30 April of each year data for the previous calendar year on imports and exports of arms in seven categories of equipment, i.e., battle tanks, armored combat vehicles, large caliber artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, and missiles and missile launchers.

The "Wassenaar Arrangement," a U.S. Department of State initiative, was concluded in July 1996 as a post-COCOM transparency-in-armaments regime. The Arrangement, which has 33 signatories, requires participants to report arms deliveries to non-signatories of the agreement on a semi-annual basis. The reporting requirements are similar to those for the UN Register, except that Wassenaar also requires the reporting of model and type data. This additional requirement has generated some concerns regarding the transfer of classified information.

DSAA has oversight for FMS and other security assistance programs. In order to certify that we are meeting our obligations under international and bilateral agreements, as well as under the National Disclosure Policy (NDP) and related executive orders, it is necessary that DSAA be the source of all FMS and other security assistance data for arms

control reporting purposes. For reporting under TIA and the Wassenaar Arrangement, as well as for other arms control agreements, implementing agencies should report directly to DSAA, who will compile and submit the data through appropriate channels.

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