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**SUBJECT:** Guidance for Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR)-Related Conferencing Coordination Activities Implementation

- References:**
- (a) "Maritime Operational Threat Response for the National Strategy for Maritime Security," October 2006<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) "MOTR Protocols," Series<sup>1</sup>
  - (c) DoD Directive 2060.02, "DoD Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Policy," April 19, 2007
  - (d) DoD Directive 5111.1, "Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P))" December 8, 1999
  - (e) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Delegations of Authority," November 30, 2006

1. **PURPOSE.** This Instruction establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides instructions for Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR)-related conferencing coordination in accordance with the guidance in References (a) through (c) and the authority in References (d) and (e).

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This Instruction applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy to:

- a. Coordinate with MOTR agencies across the range of maritime response activities, including the deployment of capabilities and use of force required to intercept, apprehend, exploit, and, when necessary, defeat maritime threats.

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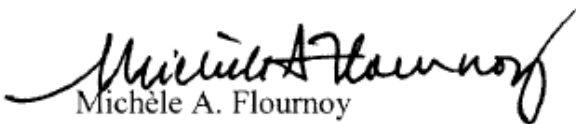
<sup>1</sup> Copies are available to authorized users via the Defense SECRET Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) at <https://clsobdom02.cno.navy.smil.mil/motr/>

b. Employ the integrated network of existing national-level maritime command centers to achieve coordinated, unified, timely, and effective planning and operational response to the full range of maritime security threats globally.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure.

5. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Instruction is approved for public release and is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Instruction is effective immediately.

  
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Enclosure  
Responsibilities

ENCLOSURE

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY (USD(P)). The USD(P) shall:

a. Provide contact information to the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Secretary of Defense Communications Office and the Joint Staff for appropriate senior leader and staff engagement during MOTR coordination events.

b. Represent the Department of Defense in interagency policy discussions during MOTR calls and for updates to the MOTR Protocols-related procedures, exercises, and training opportunities.

c. Issue additional policy guidance as required for effective MOTR-related participation by the Department of Defense.

2. DIRECTOR, WHS. The Director, WHS, under the authority, direction, and control of the OSD Director of Administration and Management, shall:

a. Provide and maintain operational support communications and information conduits to the OSD staff for MOTR-related information through the Secretary of Defense Communications Office.

b. Provide assistance to the National Military Command Center (NMCC) in attaining communications with the specified OSD senior leadership in time-critical situations.

3. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

a. Act as DoD lead for conducting MOTR-related conferencing coordination within the Department of Defense.

b. Ensure the NMCC establishes appropriate DoD protocols and procedures to ensure the appropriate Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) assume lead or supporting agency responsibilities identified in References (a) and (b) and further detailed in References (c) and (d).

c. Establish guidance for the CCDRs to facilitate CCDR-initiated MOTR calls and related conferencing coordination activities pursuant to the MOTR Plan and Protocols.

d. Ensure appropriate representatives of the DoD components have sufficient information for timely participation in MOTR-related conference events.

e. Represent DoD in interagency operational discussions during MOTR calls and for updates to MOTR-related procedures, exercises, and training opportunities. Ensure that CCDRs are provided an opportunity to comment on all proposed MOTR-related procedure changes.

f. Provide supplemental guidance to the Joint Staff and CCDRs and revise existing documents as necessary to implement this Instruction.

4. GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. The General Counsel of the Department of Defense shall:

a. Provide legal advice on maritime response activities, including through participation in MOTR coordination events.

b. Provide contact information to the Secretary of Defense Communications Office and the Joint Staff for appropriate senior leader and staff engagement during MOTR coordination events.