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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Release to NATO of DoD Nunn Amendment Report on Rationalization/ Standardization Within NATO - ACTION MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval on a proposed State message which requests that the US Mission NATO deliver a letter from you to Secretary General Luns and circulate to national delegations copies of the report on Rationalization/Standardization Within NATO, which you forwarded to Congress on 30 January in response to the Nunn and Culver-Nunn Amendments.

The letter states that a copy of the report is being forwarded to SYG Luns, briefly explains the goal of the report, and indicates that it would be useful if SYG Luns could personally bring the report to the attention of the Permanent Representatives with a view to encouraging other countries to carry out reviews similar to that conducted by DoD and to securing agreement to forward the report to appropriate NATO committees for consideration.

The Nunn Amendment requests that the results of the DoD evaluation and assessment of rationalization/standardization within NATO be brought before the appropriate NATO bodies in order that the suggested actions and recommendations can become an integral part of the NATO review of force goals and development of force plans. In your letters to Congress forwarding the report, you indicated that you were asking NATO for their views on the report.

Recommend you approve the proposed State message to US Mission NATO (Tab A).

The Department of State concurs.

Attachment a/s

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