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11 FAM VOLUME REVIEW

MAJOR CHANGES

1. This transmittal letter is issued to confirm that the following classified chapters formally contained in the 11 FAM have been declassified and revised, and the relevant material is now contained in the unclassified 2 FAM subchapter 110:

- 100 Representation;
- 200 Political Reporting;
- 500 Release of Classified Information; and
- 600 International Conference.

2. Chapters 000, *Chiefs of Mission*; 300, *Biographic Reporting*; and 400, *Intelligence*, will remain in the classified 11 FAM, and have been revised, updated, and issued under TL POL-41, dated 06-07-2000. The unclassified Chapter 700, *Treaties and Other International Agreements* issued under POL-38 dated 05-17-85 will remain in the 11 FAM—the text is unchanged.

3. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

4. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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