



Message from the Director

In this issue of *IGA Quarterly News*, we bring you a variety of foreign affairs information of interest to elected officials in the States and territories. As NATO is poised to accept new member states, we highlight the important role that this strategic bridge to our European allies has played in strengthening U.S. national security. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs also addresses the issue of consular notification and what it means for State and local law enforcement authorities. You will find information about the Department of State's annual *Patterns of Global Terrorism* report, which was recently released. Finally, as the major combat of the military campaign in Iraq ends, the State Department is focusing its diplomatic efforts in the region on humanitarian relief and the effort to build a stable, democratic, and free Iraq. Please contact the IGA Office with your questions or comments on this or any other aspect of U.S. foreign policy.

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The following publications are available upon request:

- **IGA: Working with State and Local Governments**
- **Diplomatic List**
- **Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts**
- **U.S. Department of State: A Guide to Doing Business**
- **Country Background Notes**
- **Travel Warnings**
- **Tips for Travelers**
- **Country Reports on Human Rights Practices**



Did you know...

NATO Prepares to Add New Member States

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded in 1949 to protect its members against the threat of the former Soviet Union. Its core principle is that an attack against one member is an attack on all. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Alliance invoked this article of its Charter for the first time. NATO is transforming itself and adding new countries to its membership to be able to meet new threats. During NATO's historic summit meeting held in Prague last November, President Bush and the other Alliance heads of state and government agreed to extend invitations of membership to Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

These seven new democracies have made significant strides in their respective transitions to free and open societies and now share the common values that are the bedrock of the Alliance. They have gone through a lengthy membership process, such that the U.S. Government is confident that these countries will add to the Alliance's collective defense capabilities and augment stability in the region.

These countries will refresh the spirit of NATO through the deep appreciation of freedom and liberty that their own recent experiences with tyranny and dictatorship have given them.

That spirit was evident when the seven invitees issued a strong statement of political support for the U.S. effort to disarm Iraq on November 21, 2002. They reiterated this support on February 5, 2003 in



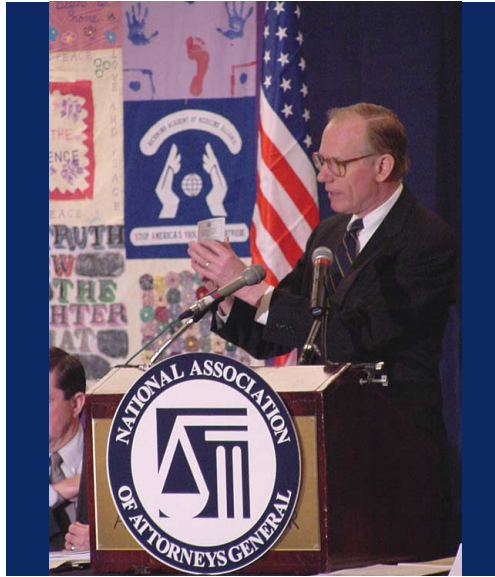
The North Atlantic Council Summit meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, Nov. 21, 2002.

another statement endorsing the U.S. position that Saddam had to comply with UN Security Council Resolution 1441 fully and immediately or face the military consequences. All seven invitees have all publicly joined the Coalition to Disarm Iraq.

Since an enlargement of the Alliance directly affects NATO's founding treaty, the U.S. Senate must provide its advice and consent. On May 8, 2003, the Senate voted unanimously to accept the admission of these seven nations. ■

Success Story of the Quarter

Consular Notification and the Role of State and Local Law Enforcement in Meeting U.S. Treaty Obligations



State Department Legal Adviser William H. Taft, IV addresses consular notification at the spring meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General.

If you or any other American citizen is arrested overseas, would you want to have access to a U.S. consular official in that country who could assist you in securing legal representation or notify your family? Thanks to international law, including treaties such as the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, if a for-

ign government detains an American citizen that government must ask whether the person wants the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate to be notified. If the request is made, the government must notify the U.S. Embassy or Consulate without delay. Because these are mutual obligations, the same rules apply whenever foreign nationals are

arrested or detained on U.S. soil by federal, State, or local authorities. In addition, a number of bilateral consular agreements between the United States and foreign governments require U.S. authorities to notify the foreign government when a national of the foreign government is detained, whether or not the foreign national indicates that he or she wishes notification to be made. The State Department's top lawyer, Legal Adviser William H. Taft, IV, addressed consular notification and its implications for State and local officials during a special plenary session during the spring meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General.

In addition to notification in connection with the arrest or detention of foreign nationals, the Vienna Convention requires notification when a foreign national dies in the United States, when the appointment of a guardian appears to be in the interests of a minor child or an incompetent adult, and when a foreign vessel or aircraft is involved in an acci-

dent in U.S. territory. All of these provisions relate to a basic principle of international law, which is that foreign consular officials have the right to communicate with and to assist their country's nationals abroad. Legal Adviser Taft asked for the support of the State Attorneys General in helping ensure that the United States complies with its consular notification obligations since these obligations were all entered into as part of a very aggressive effort of the U.S. Government to protect American citizens abroad.

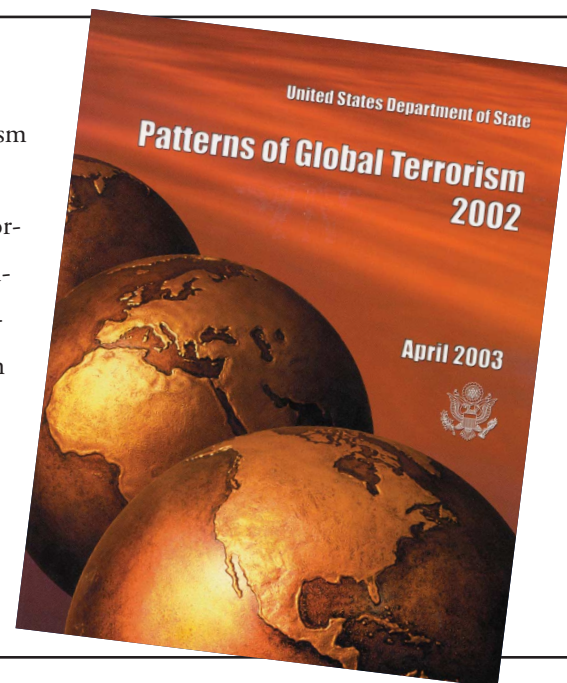
Recognizing that the burden of complying with these international obligations falls mainly to State and local authorities, the Department of State maintains a training program for law enforcement personnel. Detailed information on this subject is available on the State Department's web site at http://travel.state.gov/consul_notify.html.

Please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at paiga@state.gov or (202) 647-5358 to receive further information about this important training opportunity. ■

In the News

On April 30, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Coordinator for Counterterrorism Ambassador Cofer Black held a special briefing to announce the release of 2002 *Patterns of Global Terrorism*, the Department of State's annual report to Congress on terrorism. There were 199 international terrorist attacks during 2002. That represents a significant drop from the previous year—44% fewer attacks. In fact, it is the lowest level of terrorism in more than 30 years. The last time the annual total fell below 200 attacks was in 1969, shortly after the advent of modern terrorism.

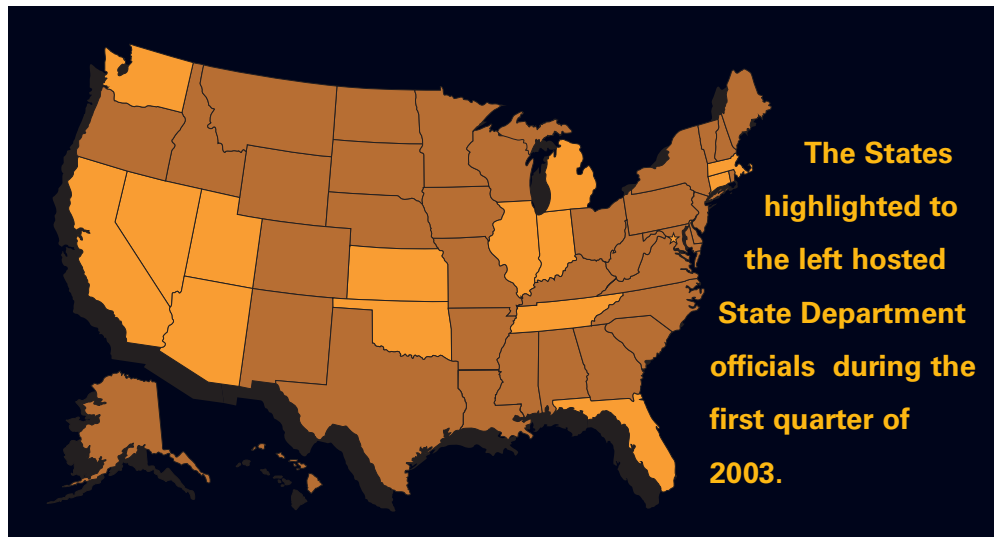
The complete report can be accessed on the internet by visiting <http://www.state.gov/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2002/>. To receive a bound version of 2002 *Patterns of Global Terrorism*, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at paiga@state.gov or (202) 647-5358. ■



Outreach

JANUARY 2003

- Arranged a courtesy meeting in **San Diego, CA**, between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Robert Tappan and San Diego County Chairman Ron Roberts
- Coordinated meeting in **Chicago, IL**, between Alderman Madeline Haithcock and Christopher Sandrolini, Director for Policy Coordination in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
- Facilitated a courtesy meeting in **Miami, FL**, between Gov. Jeb Bush and U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Brian Dean Curran
- Coordinated a courtesy visit in **Tulsa, OK**, between Public Diplomacy Director for South African Affairs Lee Irwin and Mayor Bill LaFortune
- Arranged a meeting in **Boston, MA**, between Office of Refugee Admissions Director Theresa Rusch and Rev. Cheng Tan, Director of the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians
- Coordinated a courtesy meeting in **Boston, MA**, between Office of Refugee Admissions Director Theresa Rusch and Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigration Executive Director Juliette Nguyen
- Arranged for Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs Shaun Donnelly and Special Representative for Business Affairs Frank



Mermoud to address the topic of “Trade and America’s Cities” before the International Committee of the **U.S. Conference of Mayors** at its winter meeting in Washington, DC

- Facilitated a meeting in **Orlando, FL**, between U.S. Consul General Hong Kong James Keith and Orange County Chairman Rich Crotty
- Coordinated a visit to the State Department headquarters for **El Cajon, CA**, Planning Commissioner Vickie Butcher

- Arranged for a courtesy meeting in **Tacoma, WA**, between U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia John Dinger and Mayor Bill Baarsma

FEBRUARY 2003

- Facilitated an office meeting in **Lindsborg, KS**, between South African Affairs Desk Officer Randy Berry and Mayor Ronald Rolander
- Organized a visit to State Department headquarters for **Vermont** Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie, including meetings with Assistant Secretary for

Educational and Cultural Affairs Patricia Harrison and Director for Canadian Affairs Nancy Mason

- Arranged a courtesy call in **Elkhart, IN**, between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research Tom Fingar, Deputy Director for Lebanon, Jordan and Syrian Affairs Marc Sieverts, and Mayor David Miller

- Arranged for Assistant Chief of Protocol Larry Dunham to address the winter meeting of the **National Association of Secretaries of State** in Washington, DC

- Facilitated a courtesy meeting in **Scottsdale, AZ**, between Acting Director for Defense Trade Controls Policy Ann Ganzer and Mayor Mary Manross

- Coordinated a meeting in **Las Vegas, NV**, between Deputy Director for Policy Planning Donald Steinberg, Public Diplomacy Director for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Rebecca Brown-Thompson, and Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

The States highlighted to the left hosted State Department officials during the first quarter of 2003.

- Arranged for **St. George, UT**, Mayor Daniel McArthur and Washington County Commissioner James Eardley to make remarks at a State Department-hosted town hall meeting on foreign policy at Dixie State College

- Coordinated a courtesy meeting in **St. George, UT**, between Deputy Director for Policy Planning Donald Steinberg, Mayor Daniel McArthur, and Washington County Commissioner James Eardley

- Arranged a briefing by Public Diplomacy Director for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Rebecca Brown-Thompson for **St. George, UT**, law enforcement officers

- Exhibited the services of the Department of State at the Legislative Conference of the **National Association of Counties** in Washington, DC

MARCH 2003

- Facilitated a courtesy meeting in **Dearborn, MI**, between Intergovernmental Affairs Officer Bettye Mayes and Mayor Michael Guido

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- Attended and exhibited while participating at the Congressional City Conference, of the **National League of Cities** in Washington, DC
- Coordinated an office meeting in **North Miami, FL**, between Political-Military

Affairs Program Officer
Donna Hopkins and Mayor
Joe Celestin

- Arranged for State Department Legal Adviser William H. Taft, IV to address the spring meeting of the **National Association of Attorneys General** in Washington, DC

- Coordinated a courtesy meeting in **Putnam, CT**, between Hometown Diplomat Patrick Ellsworth and Mayor Daniel Rovero

- Arranged a meeting in **San Jose, CA**, between Public Diplomacy Officer for East Asia and Pacific Affairs

Martin Oppus and Mayor
Ron Gonzales

- Facilitated a courtesy meeting in **Nashville, TN**, between Assistant City Commissioner Bob Parsons and the Foreign Service Institute’s Deputy Director for Area Studies, Carl Lankowski ■

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IGA on the Horizon

In the approaching months, IGA will be participating in the following conferences and activities. Be sure to check this section each month for updates on when we will be in your city or participating at your organization’s next conference.

Also, please feel free to contact us about any other conferences or activities for which you think our participation would be warranted.



APRIL 2003

National Conference of Black Mayors
29th Annual Convention
Houston, TX

National Conference of State Legislatures
Spring Forum
Boston, MA

MAY 2003

Hispanic Business Conference
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC

JUNE 2003

U.S. Conference of Mayors 71st Annual Meeting and
2nd International Conference of Mayors
Denver, CO

National Association of Latino Elected Officials
Annual Conference
Phoenix, AZ



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