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SUBJECT: CAPITAL SECURITY COST SHARING (CSCS): PROGRAM

ENACTED BY CONGRESS

1. M/R (SEP) has cleared this telegram.

2. We are pleased to report that Congress included authority to implement the CSCS Program in the FY 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act recently signed by the President. The Department and OMB have been working together for over three years to create this program. Its enactment is a major milestone in the effort to accelerate the improvement of our diplomatic facilities around the world. The CSCS Program requires all agencies with overseas personnel under Chief of Mission authority to help fund construction of 150 New Embassy Compounds (NECs) over 14 years, at an annual rate of \$1.4 billion per year after a five-year phase-in.

3. The CSCS Program has two primary objectives: (1) to generate the funds for the NEC construction program, and (2) to encourage the Department and all other agencies to rightsize their overseas staff by requiring them to bear some of the costs for their office facilities. CSCS charges are tied to total position numbers, giving agencies a direct financial incentive to limit staffing. Congress has asked the Department to implement the Program in a manner that is inclusive, cooperative, and transparent. The text of the legislation is reprinted below.

4. A call for position data in a prescribed format will be provided in a later communication from OBO. The data you provide will have direct and substantial financial consequences for State and other Departments, so your cooperation to ensure its accuracy is vital. The funding transfers for the CSCS Program will be handled entirely in Washington, not at posts.

5. More detailed information about the CSCS Program appears on the OBO Intranet and Internet websites, in the Under Secretary's Guidance Memorandum and the slide presentation. You can find them at <http://www.state.gov/obo/c11275.htm>. Questions can be directed to Sam Bleicher at [bleichersa@state.gov](mailto:bleichersa@state.gov) or Jason Dallara at [dallara@state.gov](mailto:dallara@state.gov).

6. Here is the legislation:

'SEC. 629. Section 604 of the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (title VI of division A of H.R. 3427, as enacted by section 1000(a)(7) of Public Law 106-113) is amended by adding the following new subsection at the end:

"(.e) CAPITAL SECURITY COST SHARING.-

"(1) AUTHORITY.-Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all agencies with personnel overseas subject to chief

of mission authority pursuant to section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927) shall participate and provide funding in advance for their share of costs of providing new, safe, secure United States diplomatic facilities, without offsets, on the basis of the total overseas presence of each agency as determined annually by the Secretary of State in consultation with such agency. Amounts advanced by such agencies to the Department of State shall be credited to the Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance account, and remain available until expended.

"(2) IMPLEMENTATION.-Implementation of this subsection shall be carried out in a manner that encourages right-sizing of each agency's overseas presence.

"(3) EXCLUSION.-For purposes of this subsection 'agency' does not include the Marine Security Guard."

SEC. 630. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a project to construct a diplomatic facility of the United States may not include office space or other accommodations for an employee of a Federal agency or department if the Secretary of State determines that such department or agency has not provided to the Department of State the full amount of funding required by subsection (.e) of section 604 of the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (as enacted into law by section 1000(a)(7) of Public Law 106-113 and contained in appendix G of that Act; 113 Stat. 1501A-453), as added by section 629 of this Act.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibition in subsection (a), a project to construct a diplomatic facility of the United States may include office space or other accommodations for members of the Marine Corps.'

FY2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division B, Public Law No: 108-447.

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