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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

A | indicates a revision to figure A1.1. from a previous edition.

- 1. The Air Force must comply with international treaties and arms-control related agreements made by the US Government. This directive establishes Air Force policy to ensure comprehensive implementation and full compliance with all relevant arms control and related agreements while maintaining US national defense goals and objectives.
- 2. The Air Force will implement these treaties/agreements by integrating their requirements into the Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System at all levels. Additionally, continual review of policy, operations, force structure, and research, development, test and evaluation planning is mandatory to ensure Air Force interests are protected to the greatest extent possible.
- **3.** All Air Force organizations, particularly those involved with special access or intelligence sensitive programs, must know when and how their activities may be affected by arms control related agreements. Air Force organizations must be aware of the prohibitions, limitations, and sometimes transparent, yet intrusive, character of these agreements/treaties. Air Force organizations will implement relevant arms control provisions and ensure their programs/activities are in full compliance with the agreements/treaties. Arms control related questions should be referred to the appropriate major command (MAJCOM) arms control office, or the National Security Negotiations Division (HQ USAF/XOXI).
- **4.** The following authorities and responsibilities are established:
 - 4.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations (HQ USAF/XO) is the Air Force executive agent for arms control.
 - 4.2. HQ USAF/XOXI is responsible for managing all aspects of the Air Force arms control process, including negotiations support, policy formulation, implementation, compliance, education and training, and overall budgeting.

- 4.3. HQ USAF/XOXI prepares and submits to the Chief of Staff the metric entitled USAF Arms Control Violations (**Attachment 1**) on 31 December and 30 June of each year.
- 4.4. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), SAF/AQ, will coordinate with HQ USAF/XOXI to ensure that all acquisition programs comply with arms control agreements/ treaties. SAF/AQ monitors the funding for Air Force acquisition programs which are allocated through the arms control program element for treaty-driven requirements. SAF/AQ ensures arms control compliance is reviewed and documented at each acquisition milestone. SAF/AQ completes compliance certification reports as requested by HQ USAF/XOXI.
- 4.5. Each MAJCOM directs the implementation and execution of applicable arms control agreements/treaties and is responsible for its units' compliance with applicable agreements/treaties. Each complies with Program Management Directives and higher headquarters directives/guidance related to arms control agreements/treaties. MAJCOMs plan, program, educate, train, and budget for known arms control requirements. MAJCOMs complete compliance certification reports as directed by HQ USAF/XOXI.
- **5.** This directive implements national policies reflected in existing arms control agreements and treaties to which the United States is a party. This directive also implements DoD Directive 2060.1, *Implementation of, and Compliance With, Arms Control Agreements*.
- **6.** Interfacing publications include AFI 16-601, Arms Control Agreement Implementation and Compliance Guidance; AFPD 10-6, Mission Needs and Operational Requirements; and AFI 10-601, Mission Needs and Operational Requirements Guidance and Procedures.

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Attachment 1

MEASURING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

- **A1.1.** Assess compliance with arms control policy by measuring the number of US Government acknowledged Air Force arms control violations biannually (**Figure A1.1.**).
 - A1.1.1. The acknowledged violations would be ones raised through internal review and certification of Air Force arms control compliance activity or raised by another country that is a signatory to the agreement in question.

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of USAF Arms Control Violations.

