



Department of Defense - Department of State

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY



Every 2 years the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is required by law to review the missions, responsibilities, and geographical boundaries of each combatant command in the U.S. military and recommend to the President, through the Secretary of Defense, any changes that may be necessary. The review process includes combatant commanders, Service chiefs, and Department of Defense (DOD) leadership.

DOD Unified Command Plan 2008 is a key strategic document that established the missions, responsibilities, and geographic areas of responsibility (AOR) for commanders of combatant commands. It was signed December 17, 2008, by President George W. Bush.




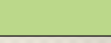
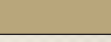

The mission of the State Department Regional Bureaus is to implement U.S. foreign policy and diplomatic relations and to manage and promote U.S. interests in their respective regions.

Each DOD geographic command's area encompasses all areas within designated borders. State Department Regional Bureau areas of responsibility include land areas within DOD AORs and overlap multiple DOD AORs. See color key:

Department of Defense Geographic Commands

-  U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM)
-  U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM)
-  U.S. European Command (USEUCOM)
-  U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM)
-  U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM)
-  U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM)

Department of State Regional Bureaus

-  Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
-  Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
-  Bureau of African Affairs
-  Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
-  Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs
-  Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs



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