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SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HEARING NOTICE

On **Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs will hold a hearing entitled, **“National Security, Interagency Collaboration, and Lessons from SOUTHCOM and AFRICOM.”**

Witnesses will be by invitation only.

Emerging threats, from piracy to narcotics trafficking, are increasingly multijurisdictional in nature and require an innovative approach to interagency efforts. This hearing will examine the mechanisms and processes for collaboration between different U.S. agencies and the Department of Defense’s regional combatant commands.

Using the findings and recommendations of two new Government Accountability Office reports on U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) as a point of departure, the hearing will look at how the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the

U.S. Agency for International Development, and others are cooperating to advance U.S. national security interests.

Witnesses will discuss each agency’s approach to interagency collaboration as well as what procedures, personnel, and organizational structures can be put in place to ensure that the agencies are able to work together efficiently and effectively.

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There will be feature a single, four-witness panel, including:

- **John Pendleton**, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office;
- **James Schear**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations, U.S. Department of Defense;
- **Thomas Countryman**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and
- **Susan Reichle**, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Boris Maguire, Talia Dubovi, or Andy Wright at 5-2548.