

CHAPTER 20-10

DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND
WELFARE POSITIONS REGARDING FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS

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20-10-10 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This chapter prescribes policies and procedures for developing and coordinating Department positions regarding foreign policy matters. The policies set forth in this chapter apply to operating agencies which engage in international activities paralleling their domestic program responsibilities. They also apply to the conduct of Departmental representatives serving on interdepartmental committees in the international field.

20-10-20 DEVELOPMENT OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY

- A. The President is responsible for the formulation, execution, and coordination of foreign policies. As Chief Executive, as Commander-in chief, and as Chairman of the National Security Council, he presides over the process of defining United States objectives in the world, and coordinating foreign affairs to achieve those objectives. In directing U.S. participation in international organizations, the President, acting through the Department of State, determines policy and designates representatives and agencies for its execution.
- B. The heads of Executive Departments **and** Agencies cooperate with the Department of State in the formulation, development and implementation of foreign policy. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is responsible for developing HEW positions.

- C. The Department of state utilizes interdepartmental committees, formal working parties and other consultative methods in the establishment of foreign policies and programs in the international field. Representatives of HEW participate in these activities at the direction of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

20-10-30 DEVELOPMENT OF HEW POSITIONS

- A. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is responsible for developing HEW positions on foreign policy. He has delegated to the Office of International Affairs Management the responsibility to serve as the focal point in the Department for the development and coordination of position papers.
- B. The approval of official HEW positions on matters of foreign policy is reserved to the Secretary, and is exercised on his behalf by the Special Assistant to the Secretary for International Affairs. Representatives of the Department officially serving on interdepartmental committees or working parties may not approve, on behalf of the Department, foreign policy positions without prior consultation with the Office of International Affairs Management.
- C. Representatives of the Department serving as members of interagency groups concerned with technical matters may give Departmental clearance without prior consultation provided:
1. The matter is technical in nature only;
 2. Is in accordance with approved policy; and
 3. Has been cleared with other agencies of the Department when the substantive comments refer to their technical areas.

20-10-40 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES AND FORMAL WORKING PARTIES

- A. A designated Departmental representative on an official interdepartmental committee or formal working party has the following responsibilities:
1. Participates in the discussions and deliberations on behalf of the Department.