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The strategic goals and objectives described in the pages that follow reflect the priorities of the President, the Attorney General, and the Department of Justice (DOJ or the Department) components. Broad and long-term, they respond to evolving conditions in the United States and the world today. DOJ components frequently and routinely operate in several areas of law enforcement and the administration of justice. In practice, nearly all contribute to all of the goals identified in the plan. Their inclusion under a specific goal or objective here is a matter of administrative convenience to comport with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11, which calls for the alignment of goals with budget requests in strategic plans. As will be noted in the plan, many are undertaken in collaboration with, or the support of, other federal, state, and local agencies.

Several major themes underpin the Department's goals and objectives. These include:

Partnerships. Recognizing that cooperation, as well as economies of scale, can be realized during efforts to meet the mission, our plan reflects a heightened emphasis on partnerships. We remain committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other federal agencies, states and localities, tribal governments, community groups, foreign countries, and others.

Leadership. As an agency with unique authorities, opportunities, and capabilities, DOJ has indispensable leadership responsibilities to those who fight crime and administer justice at the state, local, and tribal level, as well as in the international sphere. We are committed to meeting these responsibilities through example and material assistance.

Preparedness. We remain committed to maintaining a high-level capability to deter and respond quickly to newly emerging crime threats, including those threats posed by new technology and criminal strategies. Preparedness involves attention to internal core infrastructure needs to ensure that adequate skills, tools, and processes are in place for meeting the new challenges that face us.

Integrity. Our leadership role and the funds entrusted to us by the taxpaying public demand that we maintain the highest levels of integrity and trustworthiness. This affects not only the way we carry ourselves as representatives of the law, but the manner in which we manage the resources entrusted to us to carry out our mission.

A summary of our strategic goals and objectives follows:

- | Goal 1 | <i>Prevent Terrorism and Promote the Nation's Security</i> |
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| 1.1 | Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur |
| 1.2 | Strengthen partnerships to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist incidents |
| 1.3 | Prosecute those who have committed, or intend to commit, terrorist acts in the United States |
| 1.4 | Combat espionage against the United States |

Goal 2 ***Prevent Crime, Enforce Federal Laws, and Represent the Rights and Interests of the American People***

- 2.1 Strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance the Nation's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime
- 2.2 Reduce the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime
- 2.3 Prevent, suppress, and intervene in crimes against children
- 2.4 Reduce the threat, trafficking, use, and related violence of illegal drugs
- 2.5 Combat public and corporate corruption, fraud, economic crime, and cybercrime
- 2.6 Uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans
- 2.7 Vigorously enforce and represent the interests of the United States in all matters over which the Department has jurisdiction
- 2.8 Protect the integrity and ensure the effective operation of the Nation's bankruptcy system

Goal 3 ***Ensure the Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice***

- 3.1 Protect judges, witnesses, and other participants in federal proceedings, and ensure the appearance of criminal defendants for judicial proceedings or confinement
- 3.2 Ensure the apprehension of fugitives from justice
- 3.3 Provide for the safe, secure, and humane confinement of detained persons awaiting trial and/or sentencing, and those in the custody of the Federal Prison System
- 3.4 Provide services and programs to facilitate inmates' successful reintegration into society, consistent with community expectations and standards
- 3.5 Adjudicate all immigration cases promptly and impartially in accordance with due process
- 3.6 Promote and strengthen innovative strategies in the administration of state and local justice systems
- 3.7 Uphold the rights and improve services to America's crime victims