Broadcasting Board of Governors

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A PRESENCE FOR UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING IN BURMA June 7, 2012

The Board notes the current opportunity to establish a credible presence for United States international broadcasting in Burma and the important role that both the Voice of America (VOA) and Radio Free Asia (RFA) can play in that market.

The Board directs the VOA Director and the RFA President (as a condition of the BBG grant to RFA for Burmese programming) to work with the International Broadcasting Bureau Director to coordinate their activities in and for Burma, including collocating in-country bureaus, sharing stringer networks, undertaking a pilot satellite television program, and (where appropriate) sharing content.

The U.S. Department of State and appropriate Congressional oversight committees should be notified of VOA and RFA activities in Burma, especially in the event the Board determines that a bureau for VOA and/or RFA should be established in Burma.