

**International Coordination  
Support Annex  
Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan**

**Lead Agency:** Office of the Governor

**Supporting Departments/Agencies:** Lieutenant Governor's Office, Law, Local Affairs, and Regulatory Agencies.

**I. Purpose**

This supporting annex provides guidance on carrying out responsibilities for international coordination in support of the State Government's response to a domestic Incident of National Significance, as defined in the National Response Plan (NRP).

**II. Scope**

The International Coordination Support Annex supplements the SEOP. The role of the Governor's Office within the SEOP is to fully support Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities in effective incident management and preparedness planning. An Incident of National Significance will likely have international and diplomatic impacts and implications that call for coordination and consultations with the U.S. Secretary of State's Office, foreign governments and international organizations. An incident may also require direct bilateral and multilateral actions on foreign affairs issues related to the incident, for which DOS has independent and sole responsibility. DOS's lead foreign policy role in supporting U.S. Government agencies and managing the international aspects of a domestic incident contributes to a more agile overall U.S. Government incident management capability.

**III. Policies**

- A. The U.S. Secretary of State has direct responsibility for policies and activities related to the protection of U.S. citizens and U.S. interests abroad.
- B. In preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an actual or potential Incident of National Significance, the Office of the Governor is responsible for coordinating with the Secretary of State's Office related to those foreign government entities located within the State.
- C. International coordination within the context of a domestic incident requires close cooperative efforts with foreign counterparts and multilateral/international organizations. Such coordination rests on current national strategies to prevent terrorism, enhance security and law

enforcement cooperation, counter proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and dangerous materials, and other activities related to counterterrorism preparedness and response.

#### **IV. Concept of Operations**

- A. The Office of the Governor will provide a liaison with the Department of State Task Force, if deployed.
- B. Has shared operational responsibility for the protection of foreign missions and other multilateral organizations with missions within the State of Colorado, and for the safety/security of their official personnel.
- C. If requested, assists foreign Embassies/Consulates in coordinating with Federal, local, and tribal authorities to enable them to provide information to their citizens in the United States and to render safety/security and other consular assistance.
- D. Department of Local Affairs, Division of Emergency Management, provides workspace / assistance to liaisons from foreign embassy / consulates in the State EOC.