

FACT SHEET ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY DIRECTIVE 20

- The President recently signed a classified Presidential directive relating to cyber operations.
- Because the policy is classified, we cannot discuss all of the elements contained in it.
- This policy is part of the Administration's focus on cybersecurity as a top priority.
- The policy takes into account the evolution of the threat and our growing experience.
- The policy establishes principles and processes for the use of cyber operations so that cyber tools are integrated with the full array of national security tools we have at our disposal.
- The policy provides a whole-of-government approach consistent with the values that we promote domestically and internationally as we have previously articulated in the *International Strategy for Cyberspace*.
- The goal of these principles and processes is to enable more effective planning, development, and use of our capabilities.
- The policy enables us to be flexible, while also exercising restraint in dealing with the threats we face.
- It is our policy that we shall undertake the least action necessary to mitigate threats and that we will prioritize network defense and law enforcement as preferred courses of action.
- All processes outlined in this policy will be conducted in a manner consistent with the U.S. Constitution and other applicable law and policies.