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### MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard (ARNG) Recruiting and Retention Force (RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 20-043, Additional Screening Requirements for Applicants from High Risk Countries

#### 1. References.

a. Annex A, Intelligence Community Policy Guidance (ICPG) 704.2, Personnel Security Adjudicative Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Access to Sensitive Compartmented Information and other Controlled Access Program Information, 2 October 2008.

2. **Background.** There is currently a backlog of Soldiers who are not allowed to access Intelligence Community facilities or systems due to foreign affiliation. Applicants who are born in one of the 25 high-risk countries identified in paragraph 3 have a 21% chance of ever gaining access to these facilities. Applicants who are not born in these countries but have immediate family members who are citizens/dual citizens or reside in these countries may eventually get access after an investigation that takes 10-18 months is completed. In order to reduce the number of applicants who may never have the opportunity to work their MOS or who may spend a significant amount of time waiting for facility or system access, implement the following immediately:

a. Applicants born in one of the countries listed in paragraph 3 are not eligible to enlist for MOS 35N, 35P, or 35S.

b. If the applicant has immediate family members (spouse, parents, siblings, children, stepchildren or cohabitant of the individual) who are citizens or dual citizens of or who reside in one of the countries listed in paragraph 3, they are not eligible to enlist for MOS 17C, 35F, 35G, 35L, 35N, 35P, 35S or 35T.

3. **The high-risk countries are:** Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Cuba, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.

4. Due to the processing time for a TS/SCI clearance the following MOS's are required to have a minimum of 60 days in the RSP before shipping: 17C, 35G, 35N, 35P, and

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35S. The following MOS's may ship earlier than 60 days, but require a minimum of an open T-5 investigation with an interim Secret clearance granted by the State Security Manager: MOS's 12Y, 35F, 35M, 35T. If any Soldier is denied an interim clearance, for any of the MOS's list above, the Soldier may be required to be renegotiated to a later ship date, and must have a fully granted TS/SCI clearance to be eligible to ship.

5. This memorandum will remain in effect until rescinded by ARNG-HRR-O.

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