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Structure of Interagency Committees Advising the Director for Mutual Security and the Secretary of State on Economic Defense



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1. The Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC) serves as the interspency committee advising both the Director for Matual Security (Battle Ast Administrator) and the Secretary of State on matters pertaining to economic defense. Though the Battle Act Administrator and the Secretary of State have sens separate economic defense responsibilities (under the Battle Act and NSC 104/2, respectively), those responsibilities were considered to be so closely related it was agreed that the same forum should serve both in order to avoid substantial duplication of committee structure and effort. The EDAC structure thus serves as the focal point for economic defense activities of the United States Government.

2. The Steering Group is composed of representatives of those departments and agencies concerned with the administration of foreign aid and export controls-State, Defense, Commerce, and the Mutual Security Agency. The Group is chaired by a representative of the Eattle Act Administrator. The Steering Group directs the work of the various working groups, receives reports prepared by the latter, and processes them for submission to the EDAC, Director for Mutual Security, or Secretary of State, as appropriate. It also directs and coordinates the day-to-day operations which have direct relationship to economic defense objectives.

3. It should be noted that the responsibilities of the Director for Matual Security encompase both the supervision of certain foreign aid programs (administered under the Director by the Matual Security Agency) and administration of the security export control program required by the Battle Act. The responsibility for administration of security controls on U.S. exports remains with the Security of Commerce.

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