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President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

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The President's Interagency Task Force

The President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF) is a cabinet-level entity, created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), which consists of some 15 departments and agencies across the federal government that are responsible for coordinating U.S. government-wide efforts to combat trafficking in persons. The PITF meets annually and is chaired by the Secretary of State. Agencies of the PITF have brought together leaders from government, the private sector, advocates and survivors, faith leaders, law enforcement, and academia.

At each annual meeting, agencies report on progress made in various priority areas – victim services, rule of law, procurement and supply chains, and public awareness and outreach. The agencies of the PITF include the following:

Department of State (DOS)

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Department of the Interior (DOI)

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Department of Labor (DOL)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Department of Education (ED)

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Domestic Policy Council (DPC)

National Security Staff (NSS)

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)

Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Senior Policy Operating Group

The TVPA, as amended in 2003, established the Senior Policy Operating Group (SPOG), which consists of senior officials designated as representatives of the PITF members. To ensure a whole-of-government approach, the SPOG brings together federal departments and agencies that address all aspects of human trafficking – enforcement of criminal and labor law, development of victim identification and protection measures, support for innovations in data gathering and research, implementation of education and public awareness activities, formation of enhanced partnerships and research opportunities, and synchronization of strategically linked foreign assistance and diplomatic engagement.

Five standing committees continue to advance substantive areas of the SPOG's work. They are the Research & Data, Grantmaking, Public Awareness & Outreach, Victims Services, and Procurement & Supply Chains Committees. The SPOG meets quarterly and is chaired by the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Additional information and websites for PITF agencies can be found here.



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