

How the 9/11 Recommendations have been Addressed

9-11 Commission Recommendation	Page	How it was addressed	Reference
1 Removing terrorist sanctuaries	p. 367	Control of Afghanistan and Iraq	http://www.state.gov/p/sa/ci/af/
2 Better relations with Pakistan	p. 369	US-Pakistan relations are good, as evidenced by recent visit by President Musharraf	http://www.state.gov/p/sa/ci/pk/
3 International commitment to a secure and stable Afghanistan	p. 370	International community defeated Taliban and NATO is now in charge of security there	http://www.state.gov/p/sa/ci/af/
4 Reform realtions with Saudi Arabia	p. 374	Saudis have captured/ killed first tier al Qaeda leaders; important diplomatic progress made	http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3584.htm#relations
5 Promote clear American message and moral leadership in the world	p. 376	America is perceived to be a beacon of a free democratic society; programs and resources have been committed to expand this message (e.g., Under Secretary of State Karen Hughes)	http://www.state.gov/r/
6 US must stand for a better future for Muslim nations	p. 376	Rebuilding efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq continue to show the world that cooperation with the US leads to better futures	http://www.state.gov/r/
7 Advance international broadcasting/scholarships	p. 377	Increase in Fullbright scholars from Middle East; engaged in anti-terrorism programs to persuade youths	http://www.usaid.gov
8 Promote secular education in Islamic countries (primary and secondary schools)	p. 378	President has tripled overseas basic education funding; English Access Microscholarship Program designed to teach Arab children American values	http://www.usaid.gov
9 Advance economic policies in counter-terrorism	p. 379	Used trade and aid to integrate poor countries into the global economy	http://www.usaid.gov
10 Create a coalition strategy against Islamic fascists	p. 379	US has coordinated counterterrorism strategy with international organizations such as NATO, INTERPOL, and OSCE	http://usinfo.state.gov/is/Archive/2006/Apr/05-690464.html
11 Create a coalition detention standard	p. 380	(Guantanamo Bay) military tribunal law; Army Field Manual published	Just passed (S. 3930)
12 Maximize effort to prevent terrorists from acquiring WMD	p. 381	Eliminated WMD and SCUD missiles in Libya and Iraq; closed AQ Khan network; passed bioshield for medical countermeasures	National Strategy to Combat WMD
13 Prevent terrorist financing	p. 382	Seized \$1.5 billion in terrorist assets; Terrorist Finance Tracking Program	http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/key-issues/freezing/
14 Create an anti-terrorist travel strategy	p. 385	All visa holders must be fingerprinted, checked with watch list; grown watch list to 400,000 names; created Terrorist Screening Center to integrate databases; Issued National Strategy to Combat Terrorist Travel	http://www.fas.org/irp/thead/travel.pdf#search=%22terrorist%20travel%20strategy%22
15 Create a comprehensive screening system	p. 387	Sec. of Homeland Security appointed a Dir. of Screening Coordination to cross-check complex databases; screening starts with visa and fingerprint information; information sharing blocked by Democrats	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5768
16 Create a biometric entry-exit screening system	p. 389	US-VISIT fingerprint system at all air and sea ports-of-entry for all visa entries	(PL 107-173)
17 Further international collaboration on borders, document security	p. 390	Administration now requires a biometric chip passport for visa waiver travelers; lost/stolen passports are reported through INTERPOL; expanded cooperation with allies and Mexico combating terrorist travel	http://www.state.gov/p/wa/rls/rpt/26208.htm ; http://www.interpol.int/Public/ICPO/PressReleases/PR2006/PR200601.asp

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18	Standardize secure identifications	p. 390	REAL ID Act requires standardization of state drivers licenses	(PL 109-13)
19	National Strategy for Transportation Security	p. 391	President issued HSPD-7, a national policy to protect critical infrastructure; Chemical security provisions just passed	FY2007 DHS Approps Act.
20	Improve no-fly lists and automatic selectee lists to screen passengers	p. 393	Democrats have blocked program for screening based on privacy issues	http://www.tsa.gov/approach/secure_flight.shtm
21	Further airline passenger, explosive screening	p. 393	Continuing to expand new technologies; now 94 trace detection portals (puffer machines) at 37 airports; Foreign air carriers must supply manifest 1 hour in advance; Sec. of Homeland Security appointed a Dir. of Screening Coordination to cross-check complex databases	(PL 109-13); http://www.tsa.gov/approach/secure_flight.shtm ; http://www.fbi.gov/terrorism/info/counterterrorism/tsc.htm
22	Create guidelines for government sharing of personal information	p. 394	DHS has a privacy officer who has issued guidelines on information privacy issues	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0338.xml
23	Increase oversight against abuse of new powers (PATRIOT Act debate)	p. 394	GAO and the Inspector General, Dept. of Justice provide constant oversight over abuses; of 162 complaints to the Inspector General on civil rights at DOJ, none involved Patriot Act	http://www.gao.gov/docs/earch/featured/homeland_security.html ; http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/reports/FBI/index.htm
24	Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board	p. 395	DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Privacy Officer handle this; President is the first to ban racial profiling	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0371.xml
25	Mandate homeland security funds based on risk	p. 396	Addressed in SAFE Port Act	(PL 109-347)
26	Create Incident Command System	p. 397	Addressed in SAFE Port Act; Pres. Issued HSPD-5 directing a National Incident Management System	(PL 109-347)
27	Create a radio spectrum for first responders	p. 397	Addressed in SAFE Port Act	(PL 109-347)
28	Increase private sector preparedness	p. 398	DHS implemented the "Ready Campaign" to prepare private entities for terrorist attacks	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_rele
29	Create National Counterterrorism Center	p. 403	Created in the Intelligence Reform Act	(PL 108-458); http://www.nctc.gov/
30	Create Director of National Intelligence	p. 411	Created in the Intelligence Reform Act	(PL 108-458); http://www.dni.gov/
31	Create new missions for CIA Director	p. 415	Created in the Intelligence Reform Act; new priorities instituted at CIA	(PL 108-458)
32	Department of Defense lead for paramilitary activities	p. 415	The President rejected this recommendation.	http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS22017.pdf#search=%22defence%20lead%2
33	Declassify top-line intelligence budget	p. 416	Congress disagrees with this recommendation; declassifying the intelligence budget is dangerous; DNI program manager coordinates this issue	http://intelligence.senate.gov/report%20_ia2006.pdf
34	Create incentives for information sharing	p. 417	Created in the Intelligence Reform Act	(PL 108-458)
35	Create trusted information network	p. 418	There are continuing efforts to integrate government databases for information sharing; Democrats block these efforts based on privacy rights grounds	http://www.fbi.gov/aboutus/transformation/technology.htm

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36	Intelligence oversight reform	p. 420	Senate, House Intelligence Committees oversee the IC with vigilance (e.g., Phase I & II of pre-war intelligence, Dems delayed implementation)	(PL 108-458); http://intelligence.senate.gov/phaseiaccuracy.pdf
37	Create Homeland Security Committees in House and Senate	p. 421	Congress created the Homeland Security Committees	http://hsgac.senate.gov/
38	Accelerate National Security appointments	p. 422	Democrats have blocked key national security appointments in the confirmation process (e.g., Amb. to UN Bolton; Steven G. Bradbury for AAG, Office Legal Counsel; Peter Flory, has not been confirmed for over 1 year as A/S of Defense for International Security Policy)	http://lugar.senate.gov/prsessapp/record.cfm?id=259746
39	FBI national security workforce	p. 425	Joint Terrorism Task Forces increased to 101 from 35; intelligence analysts doubled to 2,161; linguists doubled to 1,371.	http://www.fbi.gov/aboutus/transformation/ct.htm ; http://www.fbi.gov/page2/september06/mueller090806.htm
40	Northern Command planning for homeland defense	p. 428	NORTHCOM now commanded by a 4-star general with expanded powers; developed CONPLAN; exercised with 150 federal, state, local, multinational forces for contingencies.	http://www.northcom.mil/Home.htm
41	DHS should regularly assess types of threats	p. 428	DHS regularly assesses threat national threat levels and issues warnings to the public.	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/theme_home6.jsp