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SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (PVOs)

SUPERSEDES: Handbook 3, Appendix 4C

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The FY 1996 foreign operations appropriations act eliminates the registration requirement for private voluntary organizations (PVOs), yet retains the 20 percent non-U.S. Government funding requirement. Accordingly, the Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Humanitarian Response has determined that as a matter of policy the Agency will maintain the registration requirement. We will continue the registration process because:

- (1) It enables us to ensure that PVOs are meeting the statutory requirement to receive 20 percent of the financial resources for their international activities from sources other than the U.S. Government. There is currently no other source of information to fulfill this requirement.
- (2) The information the Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (PVC) gathers in the registration process allows it to produce and publish the Report of American Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Overseas Relief and Development Registered with the U.S. Agency for International Development (The VolAg Report). The VolAg Report is a unique and valuable resource which many find extremely useful.
- (3) Registration allows PVC to produce and publish both the U.S. PVO Executive Contact List and the Non-U.S. PVO Executive Contact List. These documents provide information about U.S., local and international PVOs interested in and eligible to do business with the Agency.
- (4) Without registration we would be without means of knowing who the PVOs are, what services they provide, where they are active and how to contact them.

The registration requirement will continue to apply to U.S., local and international PVOs.

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