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MEMORANDUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: USMA International Cadet Program

1. The revision of Title X of the U.S. Code in 1983 authorized up to sixty (60) International Cadets to study at the United States Military Academy at any given time. Eligible countries are selected on an annual basis by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Defense.
2. Each year, typically in September, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Defense send via message, the notification to the invited nations (through the USDAO in their American Embassies) of their selection to nominate up to six (6) candidates per country to compete for admission. Limited by law to a maximum of sixty (60) International Cadets at any time, USMA presently has fifty-nine (59) International Cadets enrolled and representing thirty-two (32) different countries from around the world. Central to their success is full-assimilation into the Corps of Cadets and a four-year experience that is identical to that of U.S. Cadets. USMA has implemented a support system that is based on this policy of full-assimilation, but which also provides appropriate assistance to ensure transition to Cadet Life.
3. One hundred and forty-nine (149) nations were invited to nominate Candidates for the USMA Class of 2019. Thirty (30) countries nominated a total of eighty-one (81) candidates. Seventeen candidates (17), representing sixteen (16) different countries were fully qualified for an offer of admission. Tuition assistance is based on the GNP of any given country marked in accordance with the Global Economic Index. No waivers will be granted for "High Income Countries" (GNP greater than \$12,476) in accordance with the World Bank.
4. The application procedures for International Candidates are essentially the same as that of U.S. citizens. General requirements include:
 - a. Sponsorship and nomination from a government official;
 - b. Be between the ages of seventeen (17) and twenty-two (22) years of age;
 - c. Not married, and;
 - d. Not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or children.