

recommendations concerning United States arms control and disarmament policy: *Provided, however*, That no action shall be taken under this chapter or any other law that will obligate the United States to disarm or to reduce or to limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States, except pursuant to the treaty making power of the President under the Constitution or unless authorized by further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.”

1963—Pub. L. 88-186 inserted provision precluding construction of this chapter to authorize the regulation of the possession of firearms by an individual.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1223(8), (21) of Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

### § 2574. Negotiation management

#### (a) Responsibilities

The Secretary of State, under the direction of the President, shall have primary responsibility for the preparation, conduct, and management of United States participation in all international negotiations and implementation fora in the field of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament. In furtherance of these responsibilities, Special Representatives of the President appointed pursuant to section 2567 of this title, shall, as directed by the President, serve as United States Government representatives to international organizations, conferences, and activities relating to the field of nonproliferation, such as the preparations for and conduct of the review relating to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

#### (b) Authority

The Secretary of State is authorized—

(1) to formulate plans and make preparations for the establishment, operation, and funding of inspections and control systems which may become part of the United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities; and

(2) as authorized by law, to put into effect, direct, or otherwise assume United States responsibility for such systems.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, § 304, formerly § 34, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, § 710, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 494; renumbered § 304 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, § 1223(9), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(A)(v), (vi), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2567 of this title, and struck out “the” after “serve as” in second sentence.

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(A)(iv), which directed amendment of subsec. (a) by striking “and shall have primary responsibility, whenever directed by the President, for the preparation, conduct, and management of the United States participation in international negotiations and implementation fora in the field of non-

proliferation” before period at end of first sentence, was executed by striking language which did not include the word “the” before “United States” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(A)(i), (ii), in first sentence, substituted “The Secretary of State” for “The Director” and struck out “and the Secretary of State” after “the President”.

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(A)(iii), which directed the insertion of “, nonproliferation,” after “fields of arms control”, was executed by making the insertion after “field of arms control” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(D), in introductory provisions, substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director”, redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “for the purpose of conducting negotiations concerning arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament or for the purpose of exercising any other authority given him by this chapter—

“(A) to consult and communicate with, or to direct the consultation and communication with, representatives of other nations or of international organizations, and

“(B) to communicate in the name of the Secretary of State with diplomatic representatives of the United States in the United States or abroad.”

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(C), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(B), struck out subsec. (b) which read as follows: “The Director shall perform functions pursuant to section 2(c) of the Reorganization Plan 8 of 1953 with respect to providing to the United States Information Agency official United States positions and policy on arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament matters for dissemination abroad.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1223(9)(C), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

1994—Pub. L. 103-236 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to powers and duties of Director to consult with representatives of the United States and other nations, to provide official United States positions on arms control and disarmament matters to the United States Information Agency, and to formulate and implement plans for arms control inspection and control systems.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

### § 2575. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, § 1222, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-768

Section, Pub. L. 87-297, title III, § 35, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 635; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, § 719(d), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 501, related to coordination of Government agencies and resolution of policy differences.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

### § 2576. Arms control information

In order to assist the Secretary of State in the performance of his duties with respect to arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy and negotiations, any Government agency preparing any legislative or budgetary proposal for—

(1) any program of research, development, testing, engineering, construction, deployment, or modernization with respect to nu-