

**U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COALITION  
BUDGET MOBILIZATION – MARCH 4, 2010**

**ASK TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:**

- 1. Support the President's \$58.5 billion request for the FY11 International Affairs Budget by contacting Budget Committee leadership (Senators Conrad/Gregg or Representatives Spratt/Ryan) to express support for full funding for the International Affairs Budget.**
- 2. Speak out in support of the FY11 International Affairs Budget during Committee deliberations and oppose any cutting amendments.**

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**TALKING POINTS**

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- 1. Just 1.4%.** The \$58.5 billion FY11 International Affairs Budget request represents only 1.4% of the total FY11 Budget. The entire increase of \$6.1 billion for the International Affairs Budget represents 0.16% of the overall FY11 Budget request.
- 2. Funds Smart Power Tools.** The International Affairs Budget funds America's "smart power" tools of diplomacy and development – two of the three pillars of U.S. national security. Secretary of Defense Gates, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen, and dozens of retired military leaders support increased investments in these areas.
- 3. Part of National Security Funding.** Similar to the Bush Administration, the Obama Administration has designated the International Affairs Budget as part of the national security agencies budget, which includes DOD, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. The International Affairs Budget represents only 6.7% of U.S. national security funding.
- 4. 60% of Budget Increase is War-related.** Of the proposed \$6.1 billion increase for the International Affairs Budget, \$3.6 billion or 59% of the increase is devoted to the "Frontline States" of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq.
- 5. With Supplemental, 2.8% Increase for FY11.** Assuming the \$4.5 billion supplemental request for International Affairs spending for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq is enacted; the actual increase from FY 2010 to FY 2011 is only 2.8%. With the likely addition of funds for Haiti relief, the increase will be less than 1%.
- 6. Modest Increases for Non-War Programs.** Excluding the "Frontline States," the FY11 increase for the International Affairs Budget is 4.8% and targeted towards key Presidential initiatives outlined in last year's budget – global health, food security, climate change, and rebuilding civilian capacity at USAID. These modest rates of growth make it challenging to meet many multi-year commitments for long term development, poverty reduction and economic growth activities.
- 7. Key to Jobs and Economic Growth.** America's economy is greatly linked with global trade. Over the past 40 years, trade has tripled as a share of our national economy. Today, 1 out of 5 American jobs are tied to international trade. Export promotion programs funded by the International Affairs Budget are essential to expanding U.S. trade in these emerging markets and are indispensable to reaching President Obama's goal of doubling exports within five years.
- 8. Strong Bipartisan Support.** Last December 247 bipartisan Members of Congress (58 Senators and 189 Representatives) sent a [letter to President Obama](#) urging a robust request for the FY11 International Affairs Budget. The letter noted that "These investments are essential to strengthening our national security, building economic prosperity, and protecting the health and safety of all Americans, while demonstrating our moral values and humanitarian principles."