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2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) Fact Sheet

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The 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) is a legislatively-mandated (USC 10, Sec. 118 (a)) review of Department of Defense (DoD) strategy and priorities.

- The Secretary of Defense delivered the 2010 QDR report to Congress on February 1, 2010. The QDR process frames strategic choices for the Department and establishes priorities to determine appropriate resource investments.

- The 2010 QDR provides a defense strategy that rebalances U.S. military capabilities and reforms defense processes and institutions to:

  - Prevail in today's wars
  - Prevent and deter conflict
  - Prepare to defeat adversaries and succeed in a wide range of contingencies
  - Preserve and enhance the All-Volunteer Force

- The 2010 QDR acknowledges the complex security landscape stemming from current conflicts, enduring trends, and a challenging operational landscape. The report emphasizes the importance of flexibility of the force and investment in key enablers.

- **Rebalancing the Force:** The 2010 QDR makes a series of recommendations aimed at helping to rebalance America's Armed Forces.

- The QDR focuses its assessment on improving capabilities for the following key missions:

  - Defend the United States and support civil authorities at home
  - Succeed in counterinsurgency, stability, and counterterrorism operations
  - Build the security capacity of partner states
  - Deter and defeat aggression in anti-access environments
  - Prevent proliferation and counter weapons of mass destruction
  - Operate effectively in cyberspace

- The QDR establishes force planning guidance to ensure U.S. forces are sized to conduct the following types of operations in overlapping timeframes:

  - Prevail in ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and in the war against Al Qaeda and its allies
  - Conduct "foundational activities" to prevent and deter: attacks on the United States, emergence of new trans-national terrorist threats, and aggression by state adversaries
  - Be prepared to prevail in other challenges, including conducting multiple, simultaneous operations ranging from: defeating adversaries with advanced anti-access capabilities to supporting large scale support to civil authorities at home

- Preserve and enhance the force by ensuring sufficient aggregate capacity to accomplish these objectives at sustainable rotation rates

➢ **Taking Care of Our People**: America's men and women in uniform constitute the Department's most important resource. In order to better take care of our people, the Department is focusing on several fronts:

- Wounded warrior care
- ustainable deployment tempo
- Recruiting and retention
- Supporting families
- Developing the total defense workforce

➢ **Strengthening Relationships**: Achieving the Department's strategic objectives requires close collaboration with counterparts at home and with key allies and partners abroad. The Department will take the following steps:

- Collaborate closely with allies and partners
- Strengthen interagency partnerships, including US civilian capacity
- Pursue a cooperative and tailored approach to global defense posture

➢ **Reforming How We Do Business**: Years of war have demanded that America's Armed Forces rapidly innovate and adapt—the Department's institutional base must do the same. The 2010 QDR highlights several issues requiring particular attention.

- Reforming security assistance authorities and approaches
- Reforming how we buy
- Strengthening the industrial base
- Reforming the U.S. export control system
- Developing enterprise-wide climate change and energy strategies