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Conferees Agree to Foreign Operations Spending Bill

Washington, D.C. – The Senate and House of Representatives conferees to the FY 2006 Foreign Operations bill voted today to approve the spending measure. Highlights of the \$20.9 billion bill are below.

Bill Highlights:

FY05 Enacted: \$18.6 billion including supplemental appropriations

FY06 President's Request: \$22.9 billion

FY06 Conference Approved: \$20.9 billion

HIV/AIDS

\$2.8 billion for the President's initiative to combat HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria from all accounts in the bill, including \$2 billion for the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative and \$450 million for a U.S. contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The total is \$268 million above the budget request.

COUNTERTERRORISM/COUNTERNARCOTICS

Robust funding of programs to combat international terrorism and narcotics, including \$410.1 million for the Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR) account, \$734 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative, and \$175 million for Peacekeeping Operations.

\$477.2 million for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement.

Full funding of the budget request for assistance for Economic Support Fund and Foreign Military Financing for Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

REFUGEES/DISASTER AND FAMINE ASSISTANCE

\$791 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance and \$30 million for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund.

\$365 million for disaster and famine assistance.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC)

\$1.7 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

\$1.58 billion for the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund, which includes:

- \$360 million for child survival and maternal health;
- \$30 million for vulnerable children; and
- \$220 million for infectious diseases.

OTHER PROGRAMS

\$1.5 billion for Development Assistance. This includes \$365 million for basic education.

\$361 million for Assistance for the Eastern Europe and Baltic States.

\$514 million for Assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. \$84 million is provided for Ukraine, \$67 million for Georgia, \$80 million for Russia and \$75 million for Armenia.

\$322 million for Peace Corps, \$5 million above the FY 2005 enacted level.

\$87 million for International Military Training and Education programs, the same as the budget request.

\$51 million for the Trade and Development Agency, which is \$2 million above the request.

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