

Executive Order 13137 of September 15, 1999

**Amendment to Executive Order 12975, as Amended,  
National Bioethics Advisory Commission**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to more accurately describe the expertise requirements for members selected for the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 12975, as amended (“Order”), is further amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 3 of the order shall read as follows: “**Sec. 3. *Establishment of National Bioethics Advisory Commission.*** There is established in the Department of Health and Human Services a National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC). The NBAC shall be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.)”

**Sec. 2.** A new section 4 shall be added to the order to read: “**Sec. 4. *Structure.*** (a) The National Bioethics Advisory Commission shall be composed of not more than 18 nongovernment members appointed by the President. At least one member shall be selected from each of the following categories of primary expertise: (1) philosophy/theology; (2) social/behavioral science; (3) law; (4) medicine/allied health professions; and (5) biological research. At least three members shall be selected from the general public, bringing to the Commission expertise other than that listed. The membership shall be approximately evenly balanced between scientists and non-scientists. Close attention will be given to equitable geographic distribution and to ethnic and gender representation.

(b) Members of the Commission will serve for terms of 2 years and may continue to serve after the expiration of their term until a successor is appointed. A member appointed to fill an unexpired term will be appointed to the remainder of such term.

(c) The President shall designate a Chairperson from among the members of the NBAC.”

**Sec. 3.** (a) “[S]ection 5” in the third sentence of section 1(b) of the order shall be deleted and “section 6” shall be inserted in lieu thereof.

(b) Current sections 4 through 7 of Executive Order 12975 shall be renumbered sections 5 through 8.

(c) New section 8(b) is amended by deleting “October 3, 1999” and inserting “October 3, 2001” in lieu thereof.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
September 15, 1999.

## Executive Order 13138 of September 30, 1999

**Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** Each advisory committee listed below is continued until September 30, 2001.

(a) Committee for the Preservation of the White House; Executive Order 11145, as amended (Department of the Interior).

(b) Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health; Executive Order 12196, as amended (Department of Labor).

(c) National Partnership Council; Executive Order 12871, as amended (Office of Personnel Management).

(d) President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Executive Order 12900 (Department of Education).

(e) President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Executive Order 12876 (Department of Education).

(f) President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities; Executive Order 13021, as amended (Department of Education).

(g) President's Commission on White House Fellowships; Executive Order 11183, as amended (Office of Personnel Management).

(h) President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology; Executive Order 12882 (Office of Science and Technology Policy).

(i) President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities; Executive Order 12367, as amended (National Endowment for the Arts).

(j) President's Committee on the International Labor Organization; Executive Order 12216, as amended (Department of Labor).

(k) President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Executive Order 11287, as amended (National Science Foundation).

(l) President's Committee on Mental Retardation, Executive Order 12994 (Department of Health and Human Services).

(m) President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Executive Order 12345, as amended (Department of Health and Human Services).

(n) President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Executive Order 12382, as amended (Department of Defense).

(o) Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12905 (Office of the United States Trade Representative).

(p) President's Export Council; Executive Order 12131, as amended (Department of Commerce).

**Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Executive order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that are applicable to the committees listed in section 1 of this order, except