

EO 13239

Title 3—The President

Sec. 2. The heads of executive branch departments and agencies may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must report for duty on December 24, 2001, for reasons of national security or defense or other public reasons.

Sec. 3. Monday, December 24, 2001, shall be considered as falling within the scope of Executive Order 11582 of February 11, 1971, and of 5 U.S.C. 5546 and 6103(b) and other similar statutes insofar as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 5, 2001.

Executive Order 13239 of December 12, 2001

**Designation of Afghanistan and the Airspace Above as a
Combat Zone**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 112), I designate, for purposes of that section, Afghanistan, including the airspace above, as an area in which Armed Forces of the United States are and have been engaged in combat.

For purposes of this order, I designate September 19, 2001, as the date of the commencement of combatant activities in such zone.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 12, 2001.

Executive Order 13240 of December 18, 2001

**Council of Europe in Respect of the Group of States Against
Corruption**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288) (the “Act”), and having found that the Council of Europe in Respect of the Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) is a public international organization in which the United States participates within the meaning of the Act, I hereby designate GRECO as a public international organization entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities conferred by the Act. This designation is not intended to abridge in any respect privileges, exemptions, or immunities that

such organization may have acquired or may acquire by international agreement or by law.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 18, 2001.

Executive Order 13241 of December 18, 2001

Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Agriculture

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including Subchapter III of Chapter 33 of title 5 of the United States Code, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of section 3 of this Executive Order, the officers named in section 2, in the order listed, shall act as and perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) during any period when both the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (Deputy Secretary) have died, resigned, or are otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary.

Sec. 2. Order of Succession.

- (a) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services;
- (b) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs;
- (c) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development;
- (d) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services;
- (e) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment;
- (f) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics;
- (g) Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety;
- (h) General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture;
- (i) Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration; and
- (j) Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations.

Sec. 3. Exceptions.

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 2(a)–(j) in an acting capacity shall act as Secretary pursuant to this Executive Order.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Executive Order, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by Subchapter III of Chapter 33 of title 5 of the United States Code, to depart from this Executive Order in designating an acting Secretary.