

Presidential Documents

Title 3—**Executive Order 13133 of August 5, 1999****The President****Working Group on Unlawful Conduct on the Internet**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to address unlawful conduct that involves the use of the Internet, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Establishment and Purpose.* (a) There is hereby established a working group to address unlawful conduct that involves the use of the Internet (“Working Group”). The purpose of the Working Group shall be to prepare a report and recommendations concerning:

- (1) The extent to which existing Federal laws provide a sufficient basis for effective investigation and prosecution of unlawful conduct that involves the use of the Internet, such as the illegal sale of guns, explosives, controlled substances, and prescription drugs, as well as fraud and child pornography.
- (2) The extent to which new technology tools, capabilities, or legal authorities may be required for effective investigation and prosecution of unlawful conduct that involves the use of the Internet; and
- (3) The potential for new or existing tools and capabilities to educate and empower parents, teachers, and others to prevent or to minimize the risks from unlawful conduct that involves the use of the Internet.

(b) The Working Group shall undertake this review in the context of current Administration Internet policy, which includes support for industry self-regulation where possible, technology-neutral laws and regulations, and an appreciation of the Internet as an important medium both domestically and internationally for commerce and free speech.

Sec. 2. *Schedule.* The Working Group shall complete its work to the greatest extent possible and present its report and recommendations to the President and Vice President within 120 days of the date of this order. Prior to such presentation, the report and recommendations shall be circulated through the Office of Management and Budget for review and comment by all appropriate Federal agencies.

Sec. 3. *Membership.*

(a) The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The Attorney General (who shall serve as Chair of the Working Group).
- (2) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- (3) The Secretary of the Treasury.
- (4) The Secretary of Commerce.
- (5) The Secretary of Education.
- (6) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (7) The Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.
- (8) The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- (9) The Chair of the Federal Trade Commission.
- (10) The Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration; and
- (11) Other Federal officials deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Working Group.

(b) The co-chairs of the Interagency Working Group on Electronic Commerce shall serve as liaison to and attend meetings of the Working Group. Members of the Working Group may serve on the Working Group through designees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "C".

THE WHITE HOUSE,
August 5, 1999.

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