

Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

George W. Bush

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**Message to the Congress on
Extending Generalized System of
Preferences Benefits to Algeria and
Terminating Benefits of Certain
Other Countries**

March 1, 2004

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 502(f) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act”), I am writing to inform you of my intent to designate Algeria as a beneficiary developing country and to terminate the designation of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia as beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

I have considered the criteria set forth in sections 501 and 502 of the Act. In light of these criteria, I have determined that it is appropriate to extend GSP benefits to Algeria. I have also determined that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, and Bahrain have become “high income” countries, and I therefore terminate their designation as beneficiary developing countries effective January 1, 2006. Furthermore, consistent with the Act’s prohibition on designation of European Union member states as beneficiary developing countries, I am terminating such designation for the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia when they become European Union member states.

George W. Bush

The White House,
March 1, 2004.

**Memorandum on Delegation of
Certain Reporting Authority**

March 1, 2004

Memorandum for the United States Trade Representative

Subject: Delegation of Certain Reporting Authority

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions conferred upon the President by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), to provide the specified report to the Congress.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Transmitting a Report on
International Agreements**

March 1, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)

Consistent with subsection (b) of the Case-Zablocki Act, (1 U.S.C. 112b), I hereby transmit a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard G. Lugar, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the National Drug
Control Strategy**

March 1, 2004

To the Congress of the United States:

I am transmitting the 2004 National Drug Control Strategy, consistent with the Office