**ACTION MEMO** 

FOR:

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM:

SEP 2 4 2003

SUBJECT:

Article 98 Agreement with Colombia

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 ASPA allows National Interest Waivers (NIWs) and waivers for countries that have "entered into" an Article 98 agreement with the US.

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o (C) DoD did agree to consider NIWs for NATO invitees on a project by-project basis due to their OIF support, the importance of their readiness to join NATO, and because they become exempt from ASPA upon joining NATO in May '04.

(b)(1),1.4(d)

We believe this will lead other countries in the region to sign agreements soon. Ecuador and Paraguay now favor signing an Article 98 agreement.

(b)(1),1.4(d)

(C) We expect to sign 5 to 12 additional agreements over the next month.

Recommendation

(b)(1),1.4(d) recommend you send the

letter at Tab A urging continued adherence to our Article 98 strategy.

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## SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON · WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Article 98 Strategy (U)

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cc:

The Vice President
The Chief Of Staff

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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## SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

cc: THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Article 98 Strategy (u)?

(U) I was pleased to hear that Colombia has signed an Article 98 agreement protecting U.S. nationals, government officials, and military personnel from the International Criminal Court.

(1),1.4(d)
(C)-As a result of the US-Colombian agreement, I understand other countries
South America have expressed renewed interest in concluding their own Article 8 agreements with the U.S.
(b)(1),1.4(d)

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