

Malaria; Margaret Chan, director-general-elect, World Health Organization; and Ann M. Veneman, executive director, United Nations Children's Fund.

**Executive Order 13418—
Amendment to Executive Order
13317, Volunteers for Prosperity**

December 14, 2006

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to add combating malaria as one of the objectives of the global prosperity agenda, it is hereby ordered that section 1(a) of Executive Order 13317 of September 25, 2003, is amended by:

- (a) striking “, and stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS.” and inserting in lieu thereof “, stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS and controlling malaria.”; and
- (b) striking “, and the Middle East Partnership Initiative.” and inserting in lieu thereof “, the Middle East Partnership Initiative, and the President’s Malaria Initiative.”.

George W. Bush

The White House,
December 14, 2006.

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**Memorandum on Determination
Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the
Migration and Refugee Assistance
Act of 1962, as Amended**

December 14, 2006

Presidential Determination No. 2007-08

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as Amended

Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as

amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest that up to \$5.215 million be made available from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund for the purpose of meeting unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs resulting from conflicts in Somalia and Sri Lanka. These funds may be used, as appropriate, to provide contributions to international, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations and, as necessary, for administrative expenses of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

You are authorized and directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this determination and the obligation of funds under this authority and to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 15.

**Remarks on Presenting the
Presidential Medal of Freedom**

December 15, 2006

The President. Please be seated. Thank you all for coming. Welcome. Mr. Vice President, members of my Cabinet, Laura and I are pleased you could join us on this special occasion. We're delighted to welcome our distinguished honorees as well as their families and friends to the White House. Thanks for coming.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is our Nation's highest civil honor. The Medal recognizes high achievement in public service, science, the arts, education, athletics, and other fields. Today we honor 10 exceptional individuals who have gained great admiration and respect throughout our country.

Norman Y. Mineta personifies the terms “public servant” and “patriot.” He served as an Army intelligence officer, the mayor of San Jose, California, 10-term U.S. Congressman, and a Cabinet member under Presidents of both parties. He was my Secretary of Transportation. No Secretary of Transportation ever served longer or confronted greater challenges than Norm Mineta.