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To: Area Presidencies

Dear Brethren:

A new resource titled “Global Government Relations: Policies and Procedures” has been developed to assist and guide you on how to conduct and coordinate the Church’s government relations efforts. This resource is located on General Authority Resource in the Handbooks and Guidelines section.

These policies and procedures, created by the International Coordinating Committee, have been cleared by the Correlation Executive Committee and approved by the Quorum of the Twelve.

This new resource includes a link on page 30 to supporting resource materials accessible on a secure location on the Church’s computer network. Of particular importance is the new policy approved in November 2013 by the Quorum of the Twelve and the First Presidency that requires First Presidency approval for contact with heads of government.

The policies and procedures can also be a helpful resource to you as you prepare for area reviews which, as you know, often include discussions of government relations. The Area Legal Counsel and Area Director of Public Affairs have been trained and are prepared to help you become more familiar with them.

Please address any questions you may have to William F. Atkin, at [REDACTED]@ldschurch.org, in the Office of General Counsel or Michael S. vonRosen, at [REDACTED]@ldschurch.org, in the Public Affairs Department.

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