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## Presidential Documents

**Presidential Determination No. 97-23 of May 5, 1997**

### **Assistance Program for the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union**

#### **Memorandum for the Secretary of State**

Pursuant to subsection (o) under the heading "Assistance for the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union" in title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-107) and Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-208), I hereby determine that it is important to the national security interest of the United States to make available funds appropriated under the heading without regard to the restriction in that subsection.

You are authorized and directed to notify the Congress of this determination and to arrange for its publication in the **Federal Register**.



THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, May 5, 1997.*