

## **Report of the United States on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Committee of Experts**

On December 14, 2005, President Bush issued an Order that bolsters the responsiveness of the Executive branch to the public under the 40-year old Freedom of Information Act. The Order improves the internal management of the Branch on FOIA matters. It places new responsibilities upon the executive agencies, requiring the appointment of Chief FOIA Officer at the Assistant Secretary or equivalent in every agency. It calls for the designation of FOIA Public Liaisons as necessary to meet the requirements of the Act and FOIA Service Centers to assist requesters. It also calls for reports to the Attorney General on the actions taken to comply with the Order.

A copy of the Order is attached to this report. The Office of Governmental Ethics of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is preparing a copy in Spanish that will be attached to this report.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/12/20051214-4.html>