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Washington, D. C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS AND
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Holder".

SUBJECT: Department of Justice Policy Statement on Tribal Consultation

As set forth in President Obama's Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, dated November 5, 2009 ("Presidential Memorandum"), tribal consultations are "a critical ingredient of a sound and productive Federal-tribal relationship." The Presidential Memorandum directed each department or agency to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments).

In accordance with the Presidential Memorandum, I have approved the attached Department of Justice Policy Statement on Tribal Consultation, which reflects the Department's commitment to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials. The Policy Statement establishes a formal process through which Department components must seek tribal input regarding the development of new or amended policies, regulations, and legislative actions initiated by the Department that may affect Indian tribes. Questions regarding the policy or a particular consultation should be directed to the Office of Tribal Justice.

Attachment