



RESOLUTION

CONSOLIDATION OF BBG OFFICES AND BUREAUS

April 14, 2011

WHEREAS it is important that BBG always look carefully at effective ways to save taxpayers' dollars while providing congressionally mandated services;

WHEREAS, the Voice of America, Office of Cuba Broadcasting, International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting Networks have various offices around the world and in many cities, there are separate offices in the same city;

WHEREAS, locating offices together in the same city and office space may result in significant cost savings at a time when budgets are being reviewed for reductions;

WHEREAS, locating offices together in the same space may produce better communications and cooperation between sister entities all funded by the American taxpayer while cutting needless duplication;

WHEREAS, the BBG desires to secure more information on the feasibility and desirability of bringing these separate offices together and recognizes this will need to be done on a city by city basis and the process may be immediate in some cities and prolonged in other cities both for logical and/or legal reasons; and

WHEREAS, the IBB has already, under the able leadership of IBB Director Dick Lobo, begun to pull together information on this subject, and in Kabul, Afghanistan all are located together in the same office space;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors directs that the matters discussed in this resolution be directed to the IBB Directorate and the Strategy and Budget Committee and considered as part of the Committee's ongoing strategic review.

Be it further resolved that the three corporate entities known as Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting Networks are requested to cooperate fully with the IBB directorate in providing all information sought by IBB and avoiding any actions, such as long-term lease extensions, during this review process of the study, which might impede the consolidations should BBG decide to move towards consolidation of offices in various cities around the world as financial resources for BBG become more limited.

Be it further resolved that the Strategy and Budget Committee is requested to keep BBG Board informed on a periodic basis on the progress of the study.

Be it further resolved that the IBB Director is requested to send a copy of this resolution to all three corporate entities and the heads of Voice of America and Office of Cuba Broadcasting.