I. AUTHORITY.

The National Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) Committee (MASCOM) is established to assist and advise the MASINT Functional Manager (MFM) and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) or his/her designees in the discharge of their respective duties and responsibilities concerning MASINT as set forth in references A, B, C, D, and E; and other associated directives and law. Nothing in this chartering document is intended to modify the authorities of the heads of executive departments or agencies to manage elements of the Intelligence Community (IC) under their purview.

II. REFERENCES.

A. National Security Act of 1947, as amended.
B. Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, as amended.
E. DNI Executive Correspondence E/S 00206, “Intelligence Community Charters”, dated 13 April 2009.

III. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.

This Charter outlines the responsibilities of the MASCOM under the direction of the MFM, as designated by the DNI (reference C). All activities authorized under this Charter will be conducted pursuant to the authorities listed herein.

IV. OBJECTIVES.

The objective of the MASCOM is to assist in the implementation of the MFM’s responsibilities under ICD 113 and other references, as applicable.

V. FUNCTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES.

The MASCOM will serve as the Committee of Record for the MASINT Functional Manager; maintain cognizance of the end-to-end MASINT process; provide an IC forum to develop, coordinate, and make recommendations on MASINT plans, programs, and operations to increase responsiveness to user needs; assist with IC coordination to ensure the collaborative satisfaction of the objectives established by the MFM and the DNI; and support the MFM in his or her responsibility to advise the DNI.
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on allocation and management of MASINT resources throughout the IC. The responsibilities of the Committee shall include but are not limited to:

1. Providing a forum for MASINT consumers and producers to exchange information; discuss MASINT issues; and build consensus on matters associated with information needs and the capabilities of the IC to satisfy those needs;

2. Providing recommendations, analysis, or feedback to the MFM, the DNI, or the DNI’s designees;

3. Providing consumers with a process and venue to document, validate and prioritize their MASINT information needs and monitor the effectiveness of capabilities to satisfy those needs through IC strategic management processes, and providing feedback to the DNI and the MFM in accordance with the National Intelligence Priorities Framework or other priorities established by the DNI;

4. Reviewing and assessing strategies for MASINT collection, processing, exploitation, production, and dissemination in response to IC consumer requirements;

5. Evaluating consumer satisfaction with the performance of the MASINT function in responding to information needs and assessing the contributions of specific programs toward those ends;

6. Assessing plans, programs, or activities that could have a significant impact on the ability of MASINT to satisfy intelligence or information needs;

7. Conducting independent evaluations, studies, and assessments of MASINT products, services, capabilities, stakeholder equities, and other issues and topics, including the annual report on the state of the MASINT function, which is required by paragraph F.3.c. of Reference C;

8. Responding to requests from the MFM, the DNI, or the DNI’s designees;

9. Coordinating, on behalf of the MFM, function-specific standards with IC elements;

10. Advising and assisting the MFM in the execution of their respective MASINT duties and responsibilities; MASCOM activities shall include, but are not limited to:

    a. Assisting the MFM in developing and implementing MASINT requirements standards and procedures;

    b. Facilitating coordination or resolution of IC positions on MASINT issues and communication of alternative views when appropriate;

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c. Providing the basis for MFM recommendations by reviewing IC elements' recommendations on MASINT programs as part of the established functional management process;

d. Reviewing and assessing MASINT Collection, Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (CPED) architecture standards and long-term strategies;

e. Providing informed perspectives on future MASINT capabilities;

f. Collaborating with the National MASINT Management Office (NMMO) to ensure validated MASINT requirements are being tasked; and

g. Providing advice and support as necessary to ensure that the Services of Common Concern executed by the NMMO for the MFM on behalf of the Community are responsive to user needs.

VI. LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP.

The MASCMD Chair shall be appointed by the MFM subject to the approval of the DNI. The MASCMD Chair will appoint a senior IC officer to serve as the MASCMD Vice Chair with the approval of the MFM. The Chair may create standing or ad hoc subcommittees, task forces, and working groups to assist the Committee as required.

Products, reports, assessments, or other material produced by the MASCMD in accordance with paragraphs V.1. through V.10. above shall be provided to the MFM, the DNI or the DNI's designees, and participating elements, departments, and agencies.

A permanent MASCMD staff shall be established to directly support the MASCMD. The MFM shall provide personnel to serve in various capacities within the MASCMD staff. IC elements shall augment the MASCMD as mutually agreed with personnel from their organizations to ensure effective interagency support of the MFM and broad consumer and producer perspective.

The MASCMD shall consist of members from designated IC elements who shall represent their respective principals. The MASCMD Chair may also invite observers. A list of member and observer organizations, as of the effective date of this charter, is provided in the Appendix.

Representatives of other U.S. government organizations, including organizations outside of the IC, may be invited to participate in Committee activities as observers by the MASCMD Chair.
VII. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES.

Upon request of the MASCOM Chair, IC elements shall provide information pertinent to the Committee's responsibilities in accordance with approved operational and security safeguards. All activities of the MASCOM will be executed with appropriate safeguarding of sensitive collection sources, methods, and operational issues.

All MASCOM recordkeeping responsibilities will comply with Federal recordkeeping guidelines.

The MASCOM Chair will participate with the other Committee Chairs in the annual development of a cross-function strategic review and in other meetings, as directed by the Executive Secretary for Functional Manager Executive Committee sessions.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Charter will take effect upon signature and will expire within five years of signature unless extended or reauthorized in accordance with reference E.

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12/17/09

Date
Appendix

Membership of the National Measurement and Signature Intelligence Committee

The permanent members of the National Measurement and Signature Intelligence Committee (MASCOM) shall be designated by the IC principals and others, as determined by the MASINT Functional Manager, and shall represent their respective principals. As of the effective date of the MASCOM charter, members shall include representatives from the following IC organizations:

- Central Intelligence Agency
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- Department of Energy
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of State
- Department of the Treasury
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- National Reconnaissance Office
- National Security Agency
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- United States Air Force
- United States Army
- United States Coast Guard
- United States Marine Corps
- United States Navy

Representatives of other U.S. Government organizations, including organizations outside of the IC, may be invited by the MASCOM Chair to participate as observers in the Committee’s activities. Observers to the MASCOM, as of the effective date of the MASCOM charter, are:

- Central Intelligence Agency
- Central Intelligence Agency
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- Defense Threat Reduction Agency
- Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)
- Department of State
- Missile Defense Agency
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Committee
- National MASINT Management Office
- Open Source Committee

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