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HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED FUNDING FOR DEFENSE: PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2005 REQUEST IN TABLES AND CHARTS

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The administration's fiscal year (FY) 2005 defense budget would provide \$423.1 billion for National Defense, including \$402.6 billion for the Department of Defense (DoD) and \$20.5 billion for Department of Energy (DoE) and other defense-related activities. The request represents about a 5 percent real (inflation-adjusted) increase from the level provided for defense through regular annual appropriations in FY 2004 (i.e., excluding the \$65 billion FY 2004 emergency supplemental enacted to cover the cost of military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere).

The administration's request would bring the defense budget to its highest level, in real terms, since the early 1990s. The proposed FY 2005 budget would be some 12 percent higher than the average Cold War budget. Moreover, the administration eventually intends to request as much as an additional \$50 billion in FY 2005 to pay for military operation in Iraq and elsewhere.¹ Under the administration's long-term plan, funding for defense would increase to about 23 percent above average Cold War levels by 2009.

This *Update* includes seven tables and three graphs that present key defense budget data recently released as part of the administration's FY 2005 budget submission.² These tables and Graph include:

- Table 1: National Defense Budget Authority and Outlays
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- Table 2: National Defense Budget Authority, FY 1946–2009
- Table 3: National Defense Outlays, FY 1946–2009
- Table 4: DoD Budget Authority by Title
- Table 5: FY 2005 Request for Selected Weapon Systems

¹ The administration plans to request in additional funding in January 2005.

² For a preliminary analysis of the administration's FY 2005 defense budget request, see Steven M. Kosiak, "FY 2005 Defense Budget Request: DoD Stays the Course on Spending Plans, long-Term Sustainability in Doubt," CSBA, January 30, 2004.

- Table 6: DoD Budget by Service, FY 1980–2009
- Graph 2: FY 2005 Federal Budget Request in Outlays
- Table 7: National Defense, Federal Spending and the Gross Domestic Product
- Graph 3: Defense Spending as a Share of GDP

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