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Statement from OMB Director Shaun Donovan:

Budgetary Impact Analysis for Executive Order Entitled "United States Policy on Pre- and Post-Strike Measures to Address Civilian Casualties in U.S. Operations Involving the Use of Force"

The proposed order requires relevant executive departments and agencies to, in the context of U.S. operations involving the use of force in armed conflict or in the exercise of the Nation's inherent right of self-defense, maintain and promote best practices that reduce the likelihood of civilian casualties, take appropriate steps when such casualties occur, and draw lessons from our operations to further enhance the protection of civilians. The proposed order also directs the Director of National Intelligence to release publicly on an annual basis information regarding strikes against terrorist targets outside areas of active hostilities, as well as figures regarding combatants and non-combatants killed in those strikes. The benefits of this executive order include enhancing transparency regarding U.S. operations involving the use of force and detailing U.S. Government efforts to protect civilians in armed conflict, with a view toward enhancing such efforts and modeling them for other countries. Implementing this executive order would have a de minimis impact on mandatory and discretionary obligations and outlays, as well as on revenues to the Federal Government, in the 5-fiscal year period beginning in fiscal year 2016. The Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community are anticipated to be impacted by this executive order.