



**Statement by
Thomas H. Kean, Chair, and Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair
of the 9-11 Commission**

August 2, 2004—We welcome President Bush’s support for several of the Commission’s recommendations. His announcements today are an important step in the process of reorganizing the U.S. government for a new era.

The Commission’s recommendations were in two parts: what to do—a global strategy in three parts; and how to do it—reorganizing the government so that it can effectively implement the strategy with unity of effort.

We welcome action to establish a National Intelligence Director and National Counterterrorism Center, which were two priority recommendations for the Commission.

We look forward to discussions with the Administration and with Congress about the substance of these ideas. The President has stated some of his goals for that process. The fate of these reform ideas turns vitally on the specifics.

We also welcome Senator Kerry’s unequivocal endorsement of the Commission’s recommendations.

Above all, we welcome renewed evidence of a common purpose uniting our nation’s leaders. They agree that we need new institutions for a new era. They agree the Executive branch and the Congress need vital reforms. They agree on some of the basic goals for those reforms.

Now we must convert common purpose to common action.

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