

1 of Staff, the President, through the Secretary of Defense,
2 shall—

3 “(1) establish unified combatant commands and
4 specified combatant commands to perform military
5 missions; and

6 “(2) prescribe the force structure of those
7 commands.

8 “(b) SPECIAL COMBATANT COMMANDS.—(1) If the
9 President determines that a situation warrants the creation
10 for a specific military mission of a force outside the existing
11 unified and specified commands, the President, with the
12 advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
13 Staff and acting through the Secretary of Defense, may—

14 “(A) establish a special combatant command to
15 respond to that situation; and

16 “(B) prescribe the mission, force structure, and
17 support and administrative arrangements of that
18 command.

19 “(2) In the case of any such special combatant com-
20 mand, the President, with the advice and assistance of the
21 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and acting through the
22 Secretary of Defense, shall prescribe the chain of command
23 from the President and Secretary of Defense to the command-
24 er of that command. Such chain of command shall be the