

On March 16, Trump will release a budget proposing a \$54 billion spending increase for “public safety and national security”

Where Trump’s national security priorities stand

■ Going ahead ■ Partial ■ Unlikely



1. Expand capabilities

- Expand** the Army to 540,000 active duty soldiers, the Navy to 350 ships, the Air Force to 1,200 fighters, the Marines to 36 battalions
- Modernize** the nuclear arsenal and the ballistic missile defense system



The House will vote on a \$578 billion defense appropriations bill that provides for \$21.1 billion for 13 new Navy ships



Trump signed an executive order directing Secretary Mattis to submit a strategy within 30 days to defeat ISIL



2. Defeat ISIL

- Present** a plan to defeat and destroy ISIL within 30 days of entering office
- Reassess** relationship with Russia in Syria the fight against terrorism



Trump’s national security team is no longer considering increasing cooperation with Russia against ISIL in Syria



The Pentagon has never been effectively audited and solutions to eliminating excess spending have yet to be put forward



3. Increase spending

- Eliminate** all unnecessary bureaucratic spending in the Pentagon
- Request** the repeal of the defense sequester and a 10% increase in defense spending coupled with cuts to domestic programs and foreign aid



Trump said his budget will propose record increases in spending to improve the country’s “depleted military”



Sources: “Peace through strength,” Donald Trump’s speech on national security,” September 7, 2016; Abby Phillip and Kelsey Snell, “Trump to propose 10 percent spike in defense spending, major cuts to other agencies,” February 27, 2017.