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INDIA/PAKISTAN AND INDIA/CHINA BOUNDARIES

1. The boundary to be depicted between Pakistan and India in the disputed Kashmir region is the Line of Control established by the 1972 Simla Agreement.

2. This line is to be depicted as an "other line of separation," with a symbol distinctly different than that used for international boundaries, and labeled as "Line of Control" (see accompanying map example).

3. The Line of Control runs from latitude 32°47'20" north, longitude 74°27'36" east to latitude 35°00'32" north, longitude 77°00'37" east, south to north. *There is no boundary line between the northernmost point of the Line of Control and the boundary with China and no linear symbol is ever to be depicted in that area.* Symbolization used for the Line of Control also should never extend southeast of the southernmost point as given above.

4. Depiction of the boundary between India and China remains unchanged from previous guidance. Both the Chinese Line of Control and the Indian Claim are to be shown around the Aksai Chin area, each depicted as "other line of separation" in a symbol distinctly different than that used for international boundaries, and labeled as "Chinese Line of Control" and "Indian Claim" where scale permits. The boundary between India and China from Aksai Chin to Nepal is to be depicted as an international boundary in dispute (see accompanying map example).

Background. The United Nations has supplied the detailed coordinates for the alignment of the Line of Control from the Appendix to the Simla Agreement of 1972 that describes it.

Pakistan disputes India's claim to sovereignty over the former Princely State of Kashmir. The 1972 Line of Control separates the portions of this region under the de facto control of each state. India and Pakistan do not agree on any extension of the Line of Control from its northern terminus.

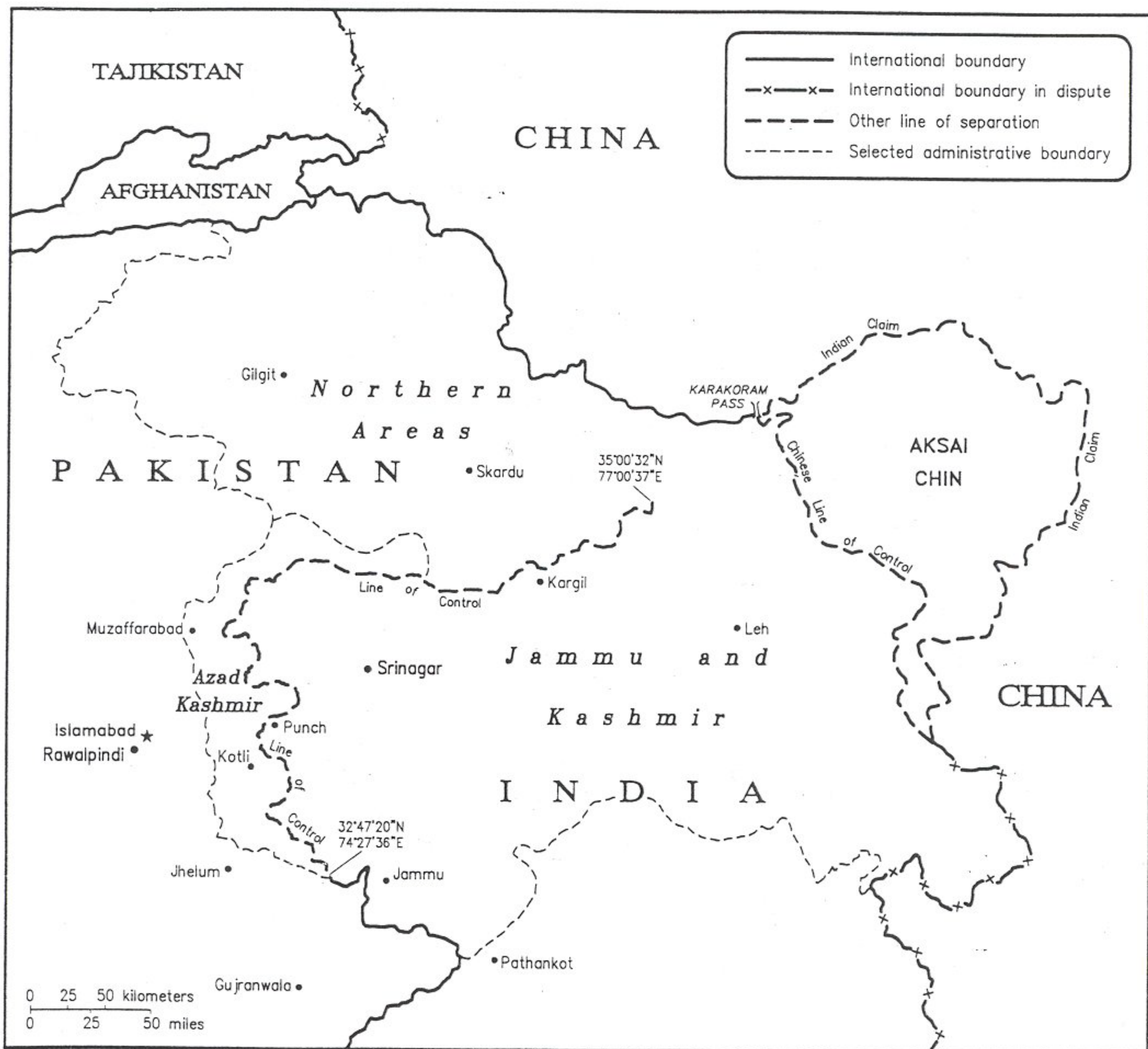
Action. Please disseminate this guidance to all personnel in your organization concerned with cartographic production, international boundaries and sovereignty, or editing.

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