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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### [Public Notice 5323]

#### Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Study Group on International Transport Law: Meeting Notice

There will be a public meeting of a Study Group of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Monday, March 20, 2006, to consider the draft convention on the carriage of goods [wholly or partly] [by sea], under negotiation at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the offices of FedEx, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20001.

The purpose of the Study Group meeting is to assist the Departments of State and Transportation in preparing for the next session of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this draft instrument, to be held in New York from April 3 to 13, 2006. The draft text of the convention, document A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.56, is available on UNCITRAL's

Web site, <http://www.uncitral.org>, under the Working Group III (Transport Law) listings. Also available on that Web site is the agenda for the April 2006 session (paragraphs 26-29 of A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.60).

The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments may be sent electronically to [carlsonmh@state.gov](mailto:carlsonmh@state.gov). Due to security requirements, one of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver's license with a photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency ID. Also, anyone planning to attend this meeting should provide their name, affiliation and contact information in advance to Mary Helen Carlson at 202-776-8420, or by e-mail at [carlsonmh@state.gov](mailto:carlsonmh@state.gov).

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### [Public Notice 5322]

#### U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy: Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a meeting March 16, 2006 in the conference room of the U.S. Department of State Foreign Press Center in Washington, DC, Suite 800, National Press Building, 529 14th Street, NW. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Commissioners will discuss public diplomacy issues and hear from experts on Latin America.

The Commission was reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 109-108. (H.R. 2862, Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related agencies Appropriations Act, 2006). The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is a bipartisan Presidentially appointed panel created by Congress in 1948 to provide oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current Commission members include Barbara M. Barrett of Arizona, who is the Chairman; Harold Pachios of Maine; Ambassador Penne Percy Korth of Washington, DC; Ambassador Elizabeth

Bagley of Washington, DC; Charles "Tre" Evers of Florida; Jay T. Snyder of New York; and Maria Sophia Aguirre of Washington, DC.

Seating is limited. To attend the meeting and for more information, please contact Athena Katsoulos at (202) 203-7880.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### [Public Notice 5302]

#### Shipping Coordinating Committee: Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 10th session of the Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG) to be held at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Headquarters in London, England from April 3 to April 8, 2006.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Evaluation of safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential Amendments.
- Development of guidelines for uniform implementation of the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention.
- Requirements for protection of personnel involved in the transport of cargoes containing toxic substances in all types of tankers.
- Development of provisions for gas-fuelled ships.
- Amendments to resolution MEPC.2(VI).
- Development of standards regarding rate of discharge for sewage.
- Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies unified interpretations.
- Casualty analysis.
- Safety aspects of ballast water management.
- Guidelines on equivalent methods to reduce on-board NO<sub>x</sub> emission.
- Guidelines on other technological methods verifiable or enforceable to limit SO<sub>x</sub> emissions.
- Review of MARPOL Annex VI and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code.