

restrictions. On March 15, the Secretary issued the determination . . . that waived FOAA restrictions for the RS and Serbia, but only for carefully targeted categories of assistance. Certain RS municipalities remain subject to a comprehensive assistance ban. Any assistance to them, except for emergency foods or medical or demining assistance, would require a separate waiver for specified activities, and must be justified on the basis that achievement of Dayton goals provide an overriding justification, *e.g.*, minority returns or concrete democratization objectives. The assistance for Serbia is carefully designed to be compatible with standing U.S. policy against providing significant assistance until there is a transition to democracy in Belgrade.

In the Republika Srpska, support for . . . USAID and State public diplomacy programs promoting democratization, reconciliation, and free and independent media . . . is exempt from these restrictions. The municipalities of Foca, Pale, and Prijedor are excluded from this waiver, because competent authorities have failed to take necessary and significant steps to apprehend and transfer war crimes indictees to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. These municipalities will not be eligible for new U.S. assistance.

#### Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

#### Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: April 26, 2000.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Initiation of a Review to Consider the Designation of Nigeria as a Beneficiary Developing Country Under the GSP; Solicitation of Public Comments Relating to the Designation Criteria.

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice and solicitation of public comment with respect to the eligibility of Nigeria for the GSP program.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initiation of a review to consider the designation of Nigeria as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP program and solicits public comment relating to the designation criteria.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Room 518, Washington, D.C. 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The government of Nigeria has requested that it be granted eligibility for beneficiary status under the GSP program. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TSPC) has initiated a review to determine if Nigeria should be designated as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP program. A country may not be designated a beneficiary developing country, absent a finding that such designation would be in the economic interests of the United States, if any one of several elements are found, including: the country is a party to an arrangement of countries and participates in any action pursuant to such arrangement, the effect of which is to withhold supplies of vital commodity resources from international trade or to raise the price of such commodities to an unreasonable level, and to cause serious disruption of the world economy; the provision by the country of preferential treatment to products of other developed countries which has a significant adverse effect on U.S. commerce; the expropriation by the country of U.S.-owned property without compensation; a failure by the country to enforce arbitral awards in favor of U.S. persons; the support by the country of international terrorism; or a failure by the country to take steps to protect internationally recognized worker rights. Other factors taken into account in determining whether a country will be designated a beneficiary developing country include: the extent to which the country has assured the United States

that it will provide market access for U.S. goods; the extent to which the country has taken action to reduce trade-distorting investment practices and policies; and the extent to which the country is providing adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights. The criteria for designation are set forth in full in section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*).

Interested parties are invited to submit comments regarding the eligibility of Nigeria for designation as a GSP beneficiary developing country. Submission of comments must be made in English in 14 copies to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee, Trade Policy Staff Committee, and be received in Room 518 at 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, July 10th. Except for submission granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, information and comments submitted regarding Nigeria will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room. For an appointment, please call Ms. Brenda Webb at 202/395-6186. If the document contains business confidential information, 14 copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with 14 copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, the submission should be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The version which does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "public version" or "non-confidential").

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending March 31, 2000

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 Sections U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

*Docket Number:* OST-2000-7161.

*Date Filed:* March 29, 2000.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.