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Pursuant to E.O. 14024, these persons and properties have been added to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List. All property and interests in property of these persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked.

Whitney Baird,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12124]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State has imposed sanctions on three individuals.

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination and imposition of sanctions on the three individuals identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section were effective on March 3, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Mullinax, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: MullinaxJD@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 1 of E.O. 14024, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of the following persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in: (a) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, and, with respect to subsection (a)(ii) of this section, in consultation with the Attorney General, or by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, and, with respect to subsection (a)(ii) of this section, in consultation with the Attorney General: (iii) to be or have been a leader, official, senior executive officer, or member of the board of directors of: (A) the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 14024, that Ilya Pavlovich Kozlov, Diana Igorevna

Mishchenko, and Oleg Mikhailovich Sviridenko to be or have been leaders, officials, senior executive officers, or members of the board of directors of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Pursuant to E.O. 14024, these individuals have been added to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List. All property and interests in property of these individuals subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2023-0008]

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is seeking public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to Congress on China's compliance with its obligations as a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This notice includes the schedule for the submission of comments to the TPSC for the China report and a public hearing.

DATES:

September 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments, requests to testify, and summaries of written testimony.

October 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. EDT: The TPSC will convene a public hearing to receive oral testimony.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting written comments and testimony and requests to testify in sections III and IV below, using Docket Number USTR-2023-0008. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Alex Martin, Deputy Director for China Affairs, in advance of the relevant deadline at Thomas.A.Martin@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-9625.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alex Martin, Deputy Director for China Affairs at Thomas.A.Martin@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-9625.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, on or about December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is soliciting public comments. You can find last year's report on USTR's website at <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/2022%20USTR%20Report%20to%20Congress%20on%20China's%20WTO%20Compliance%20-%20Final.pdf>.

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. You can find the Protocol and Working Party Report on the WTO website at <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

II. Hearing Participation

USTR will convene a public hearing on October 4, 2023, related to China's compliance with its WTO commitments. Persons wishing to observe the public hearing will find a link on USTR's web page for China on the day of the hearing at <https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/china-mongolia-taiwan>. To ensure participation, you must submit requests to present oral testimony at the hearing and written testimony by midnight on September 20, 2023, via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), using Docket Number USTR-2023-0008. Instructions for submission are in sections III and IV below. Remarks at the hearing will be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC. Because it is a public hearing, testimony should not include any business confidential information (BCI). USTR will provide a link in advance of the virtual hearing to persons wishing to testify.

The TPSC requests small businesses or organizations representing small