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The Department of State requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the Department of State inform those persons that the Department of State will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and that they therefore should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

As noted above, portions of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), the latter of which stipulates that “The provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act shall apply to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee except that the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 10 and 11 of such Act (relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents) shall not apply to the Committee, whenever and to the extent it is determined by the President or his designee that the disclosure of matters involved in the Committee’s proceedings would compromise the government’s negotiation objectives or bargaining positions on the negotiations of any agreement authorized by this title.” Pursuant to law, executive order, and delegation of authority, I have made such a determination.

Personal information regarding attendees is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State–36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

Date March 22, 2013.

Ann Stock,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8263]

Notice of Proposal To Extend the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic of China Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material From the Paleolithic Period Through the Tang Dynasty and Monumental Sculpture and Wall Art At Least 250 Years Old

The Government of the People’s Republic of China has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic of China Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material from the Paleolithic Period Through the Tang Dynasty and Monumental Sculpture and Wall Art At Least 250 Years Old (“MOU”).

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to the requirement under 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), an extension of this MOU is hereby proposed.

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(2), the views and recommendations of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee regarding this proposal will be requested.

A copy of the MOU, the Designated List of restricted categories of material, and related information can be found at the following Web site: <http://culturalheritage.state.gov>.

Dated: March 22, 2013.

Ann Stock,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8265]

Call for Expert Reviewers to the U.S. Government Review of the Working Group II Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), *Impacts, Adaptation & Vulnerability*.

SUMMARY: The *United States Global Change Research Program*, in cooperation with the *Department of State*, request expert review of the Second Order Draft of the *Working Group II Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Impacts, Adaptation & Vulnerability*.

The *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)* and the *World Meteorological Organization (WMO)* established the IPCC in 1988. In accordance with its mandate and as reaffirmed in various decisions by the Panel, the major activity of the IPCC is to prepare comprehensive and up-to-date assessments of policy-relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic information for understanding the scientific basis of climate change, potential impacts, and options for mitigation and adaptation. The IPCC develops a comprehensive assessment spanning all the above topics approximately every six years. The First Assessment Report was completed in 1990, the Second Assessment Report in 1995, the Third Assessment Report in 2001, and the Fourth Assessment in 2007.

Three working group volumes and a synthesis report comprise the Fifth Assessment Report. *Working Group I* assesses the scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change; *Working Group II* assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, potential negative and positive consequences, and options for adapting to it; and *Working Group III* assesses options for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise mitigating climate change. Procedures for the IPCC and its preparation of reports can be found at the following Web sites: http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/organization_review.shtml#UEY0LqSe7x8 http://ipcc.ch/organization/organization_procedures.shtml

In October 2009, the IPCC approved the outline for the Working Group II contribution to the 5th Assessment Report (Working Group II Table of Contents: <http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/>

AR5/AR5_documents/doc20-rev1.pdf). Authors were nominated starting in January 2010 and selected in May 2010. All IPCC reports go through two broad reviews: a “first-order draft” reviewed by experts, and a “second-order draft” reviewed by both experts and governments. The Second Order Draft of the Working Group II contribution to the 5th Assessment Report will be available for review beginning on 29 March 2013.

As part of the U.S. Government Review of the Second Order Draft of the Working Group II Contribution to the 5th Assessment Report, the U.S. Government is soliciting comments from experts in relevant fields of expertise (Again, the Table of Contents for the Working Group contribution can be viewed here: http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/AR5_documents/doc20-rev1.pdf)

Experts may now register to review the draft report at: <http://review.globalchange.gov>; the report will be available for download once it is released, 29 March 2013. To be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government submission, comments must be received by 01 May 2013.

The *United States Global Change Research Program* will coordinate collection and compilation of U.S. expert comments and the review of the report by a Review Committee of Federal scientists and program managers in order to develop a consolidated U.S. Government submission, which will be provided to the IPCC by 24 May 2013. Expert comments received within the comment period will be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government submission. Instructions for registering as a reviewer, the process of the review itself and submission of comments—as well as the Second Order Draft of the report—are available at: <http://review.globalchange.gov>.

Experts may choose to provide comments directly through the IPCC's expert review process, which occurs in parallel with the U.S. government review. More information on the IPCC's comment process can be found at <http://www.ipcc.ch/activities/activities.shtml> and http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ar5/review_of_wg_contributions.pdf. To avoid duplication, those participating in the U.S. Government Review should not also participate in the Expert Review process which submits comments directly to the IPCC Secretariat. Comments to the U.S. government review should be submitted using the Web-based system at: <http://review.globalchange.gov>.

This certification will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 27, 2013.

Trigg Talley,

Director, Office of Global Change, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments Concerning Proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: On March 20, 2013, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement with the European Union (EU) aimed at achieving a substantial increase in transatlantic trade and investment. Before initiating such negotiations, the Trade Act of 1974 requires that, with respect to any proposed trade agreement, any interested persons be afforded an opportunity to present his or her view regarding any matters related to the proposed trade agreement. Accordingly, USTR is seeking public comments on the proposed TTIP, including regarding U.S. interests and priorities, in order to develop U.S. negotiating positions. Comments may be provided in writing and orally at a public hearing.

DATES: Written comments are due by midnight, May 10, 2013. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a summary of their testimony, by midnight, May 10, 2013. The hearing will be held on May 29 and 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the main hearing room of the United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically at www.regulations.gov. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), at (202) 395-3475, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments, please contact Yvonne Jamison at the above number. All other questions regarding the TTIP agreement

should be directed to David Weiner, Deputy Assistant USTR for Europe, at (202) 395-9679.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The decision to launch negotiations for a TTIP agreement follows a year-long exploratory process conducted by the U.S.-EU High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth (HLWG), established by President Obama and EU leaders during their November 2011 Summit Meeting, and led by U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk and EU Commissioner for Trade Karel De Gucht. USTR provided two opportunities for the public to comment as part of the HLWG mandate in 2012; comments received in response to these solicitations, and during a large number of advisory committee briefings and other meetings with stakeholders, played an important role in shaping the HLWG's recommendations. In its February 11, 2013 Final Report, the HLWG concluded that an agreement that addresses a broad range of bilateral trade and investment policies, as well as global issues of common interest, could generate substantial economic benefits on both sides of the Atlantic. (See <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/press-office/reports-and-publications/2013/final-report-us-eu-hlwg>).

USTR is observing the consultative and administrative procedures of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804) with respect to notifying and consulting with Congress regarding the TTIP negotiations. These procedures include providing Congress with 90 days advance written notice of the President's intent to enter into negotiations and consulting with appropriate Congressional committees regarding the negotiations. To that end, on March 20, 2013, after having consulted with relevant Congressional committees, the USTR notified Congress that the President intends to enter into negotiations of an agreement with the EU, with the objective of concluding a high-standard agreement that will benefit U.S. workers, manufacturers, service suppliers, farmers, ranchers, innovators, creators, small- and medium-sized businesses, and consumers.

In addition, under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2151, 2153), in the case of an agreement such as the proposed TTIP agreement, the President must (i) afford interested persons an opportunity to present their views regarding any matter relevant to the proposed agreement, (ii) designate an agency or inter-agency committee to