

Republic of Mali Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Region of the Niger River Valley and the Bandiagara Escarpment,” which expires on September 23, 2002; and (2) the “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Objects and Materials from the Pre Columbian Cultures of Guatemala,” which expires on October 3, 2002.

The Committee’s responsibilities are carried out in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). A copy of the Act, the subject agreements, and related information may be found at this web site: <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/culprop>.

During its meeting on Monday, April 15, the Committee will hold an open session, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon to receive oral public comment on the proposals to extend these agreements. Persons wishing to attend this open session should notify the Cultural Property office at (202) 619-6612 by Tuesday, April 9, 2002, to arrange for admission, as seating is limited. Those who wish to make oral presentations should also request to be scheduled, and must submit a written text of the oral comments, by April 9, to allow time for distribution of them to Committee members prior to the meeting. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes each to allow time for questions from members of the Committee and must specifically address the proposals to extend the Agreements with particular attention to determinations that will be made under Section 303 (a)(1) of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 2602. The Committee also invites written comments and asks that they be submitted by April 9. All written materials, including the written texts of oral statements, should be faxed to (202) 260-4893.

Other portions of the meeting on April 15, 16 and 17 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: February 26, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the March 22, 2002, meeting of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SUMMARY: The Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 22, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code, I have determined that this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., when trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2002, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USTR ANNEX Building in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, located at 1724 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Gianini, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6120.

Robert B. Zoellick,

United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-243]

WTO Consultations Regarding “United States—Rules of Origin for Textiles and Apparel Products”

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that on January 11, 2002, India requested consultations with the United States under the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (“DSU”), the General Agreement Regarding Tariffs and Trade 1994 (“GATT 1994”), and the Agreement on Rules of Origin (“ROO Agreement”) regarding the rules of origin for textiles and apparel products set out in Section 334 of Uruguay Round Agreements Act and Section 405 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, and implementing legislation. The European Communities (“EC”) and Bangladesh subsequently requested to join the consultations as third parties. India alleges that Section 334 and its modification, Section 405, are inconsistent with certain obligations of the United States under the ROO Agreement. Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the DSU, such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and the requesting parties. Consultations were held on February 7, 2002, and may be followed by subsequent consultations. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before March 27, 2002, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0015@ustr.gov, Attn: “US-India Textile ROO Dispute” in the subject line, or (ii) by mail, to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn: India Textile ROO Dispute, with a confirmation copy sent electronically or by fax to 202-395-3640.