31, 2002, to consider the draft instrument on the International Transport Law, 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 Holland & Knight, Suite 100, 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Study Group meeting is to assist the Departments of State and Transportation in determining the U.S. views for the second session of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this draft instrument, to be held in Vienna, Austria from September 16 to 20, 2002.

The draft text prepared by the Comiteé Maritime International (CMI) at the request of UNCITRAL and the report of the first meeting of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this subject will constitute the basic working document of the UNCITRAL Working Group. These documents are available on UNCITRAL's Website, www.uncitral.org. (The documents are numbered A/CN.9/WGIII/WP.21 and A/

CN.9/510, respectively.) 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 should refer to Docket number MARAD-2001-11135. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20490-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., est, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document, along with all documents entered into this docket, is available on the World Wide Web at http:// dms.dot.gov.

For further information, you may contact Mary Helen Carlson at 202–776–8420, or by e-mail at carlsonmh@ms.state.gov.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 4042]

## Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Study Group on Reciprocal Enforcement of Child Support Obligations: Notice of Meetings

There will be two public meetings of a Study Group of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, one on Wednesday, August 7 in New Orleans, Louisiana and the other on Saturday, August 10 in Washington, DC. Additional information about the times and locations are provided below.

The purpose of these meetings is to assist the Department of State in preparing for the upcoming negotiation, under the auspices of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, of a new international convention on the international recovery of child support and other forms of family maintenance. The first session of this negotiation is scheduled for the spring of 2003 in The Hague. The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference is preparing for this negotiation, including by distributing to all Hague Conference member countries and other interested countries an information note and questionnaire. This and other documents relevant to this project can be found on the web site of the Hague Conference (http://www.hcch.net). Officials of the Permanent Bureau are expected to attend the Study Group meetings, as are officials of the Office of Child Support Enforcement of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The two Study Group meetings are being planned to coincide with the annual meetings of the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) and the American Bar Association (ABA).

The Wednesday, August 7 meeting will take place, in conjunction with NCSEA's conference, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Eglinton Winton Room, 2nd floor, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Saturday, August 10 meeting will take place, in conjunction with the ABA conference, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Hale & Dorr, LLP, 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Suite 1000. (This is adjacent to the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, where meetings of the ABA Section of International Law and Practice will take place earlier that day.)

The Study Group meetings are open to the public up to the capacity of the

meeting rooms. Interested persons are invited to attend and to express their views. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Written comments should be submitted by e-mail to Mary Helen Carlson at carlsonmh@ms.state.gov. All comments will be made available to the public by request to Ms. Carlson via e-mail or by phone (202–776–8420).

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 4068]

# Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Use of Exemption at Section 123.17 of the ITAR for Zimbabwe

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the license exemptions at section 123.17 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120–130) are authorized for use in connection with certain exports of firearms and ammunition to Zimbabwe.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 17, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Sweeney, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, Telephone (202) 663–2700 or FAX (202) 261–8199. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to the

Government of Zimbabwe subverting the democratic process through a badly flawed presidential election, orchestrating a campaign of violence and intimidation against its political opposition, and having a blatant disregard for the rule of law and serious human rights abuses, effective April 17, 2002, the Department suspended all licenses and approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Zimbabwe. The Department also instituted a policy of denial for new applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Zimbabwe (67 FR 18978). Also, the denial policy precluded the use of any exemption from licensing or other approval requirements in the ITAR. This notice modifies the denial policy by authorizing the use of the license exemptions at section 123.17 of the