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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2497]

### United States—Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a New Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants to Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators

January 15, 1997.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Catherine Bourgeois, Program Specialist, Office of Cooperative Science Programs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/SCP), U.S. Department of State, 202-647-4662.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin January 15, 1997. This program will provide small grants for successfully competitive proposals for collaborative projects and other activities submitted by United States and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1997 must be received by March 1, 1997 by the Program Administrators. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of biotechnology, standards and metrology, environmental technologies, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and copies of the Program Announcement/

Application may be obtained upon request.

Anne K. Solomon,  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science, Technology, and Health, and Chair, United States—Egypt S&T Joint Board.*  
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[Public Notice No. 2500]

### United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Standardization Sector (ITAC-T), Study Group A and ITAC-T; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Study Group and Study Group A has scheduled the following sessions to develop United States positions and contributions for upcoming ITU-T meetings dealing with standardization activities of the International Telecommunications Union.

The U.S. National group, ITAC-T, will discuss and prepare for the March 3-7, 1997, Telecommunications Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) meeting, while U.S. Study Group A will discuss and prepare positions and contributions for (1) ITU-T Study Group 3's (Tariff and Accounting Principles including related telecommunications economic and policy) meeting now scheduled for May 22-30, 1997 and (2) the ITU-T Study Group 2 meeting scheduled for Geneva, May 20-30, 1997. A more extensive agenda will be developed and distributed by fax or electronic mail to members prior to the announced meeting including the announcements of two ad hoc group meetings, one for numbering and routing and one for accounting rates and call back applications.

#### *ITAC-T Preparations for TSAG*

February 6, 1997 at AT&T, 20th & L Streets, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

March 20, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### *ITAC-T Study Group A Preparations for ITU SG2 and SG3*

March 19, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 30, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### *Ad Hoc Group for Numbering/Routing Issues (SG2)*

March 13, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

March 14, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April 8, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 9, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members of the General Public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Earl Barbely at 202-647-0197. If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 not later than 5 days before the scheduled meetings. Please include your name, Social Security number and date of birth. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: December 31, 1996.

Earl S. Barbely,

*Chairman, U.S. ITAC for Telecommunication Standardization.*

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### Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 1997, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the ninth session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) jointly sponsored intergovernmental group of experts (JIGE), which met in Geneva from December 2-6, 1996, to consider revisions to the 1952 Arrest Convention. This SHC meeting will also prepare for the 75th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held April