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### Public Input Process

The Department of State published a **Federal Register** notice (citation) in December 1996 to solicit contributions and comments on all aspects of the first USCAR and in particular, on issues related to regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. Unfortunately, we received no responses.

In spite of the lack of response, we remain committed to providing the public with an opportunity to review the second draft and provide comments on the text. Because of time constraints, the draft is somewhat rough in terms of formatting and graphics, and is still under interagency review. We anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate the inclusion of additional material, particularly in the sections on “The Future” pending the completion of internal Administration analysis.

We invite input on all aspects of the document including its substance, format, and graphics. Comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be considered in the revisions to the draft of the second national communication. Interested parties may request individual chapter(s) or the entire text.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft text of the second USCAR should be received on or before noon, May 23, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because of an extremely tight timetable for the report's preparation in anticipation of the July submission date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, OES/EGC, Room 4330, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Reifsnyder at (202) 647-0191. Copies of the draft Second National Communication may be obtained from Mr. Reifsnyder's office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2541]

### Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas School Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1406, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chairman. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled and individual building passes are required for each attendee. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA-29, Room 245, Washington, D.C. 20522-2902, telephone 703-875-7800, prior to May 30, 1997. Visitors will be asked to provide their date of birth and Social Security number at the time they register their intention to attend and must carry a valid photo ID with them to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

### Keith D. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Implementation of the First Round of Accelerated Tariff Eliminations Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notification of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

**SUMMARY:** Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 (“the Act”) grants the President, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement (“the NAFTA”). This notice is intended to inform the public of those articles on which the United States, Canada and Mexico have provisionally agreed to accelerate the elimination of duties.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 522, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following **Federal Register** notices provide information on the first round. Request for petitions appeared December 23, 1993 (58 FR 68186); a request for comments on list of products to be considered appeared May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26688).

Article 302 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) permits the Parties to consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties on goods of a Party. Pursuant to this provision, the United States, Canada and Mexico solicited requests from interested parties in early 1994. At the request of the United States Government, the Parties agreed to consider requests on an expedited basis, and for that reason also agreed to consider a short list of items in the first round.

As a result, approximately 207 8-digit tariff subheadings or parts of subheadings were considered by the three Parties. As a part of the process, USTR requested the advice of the USITC and the private sector trade advisory groups. As has been practice under tariff acceleration rounds conducted under