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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

*Date, time and place:* July 23, 1997, 10:00 am., U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1011, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

*Purpose:* The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

*For further information, contact:* Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 11th day of July 1997.

**Andrew J. Samet,**

*Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office; North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of Determination Regarding Review of Submission #9701

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice that on July 14, 1997, Submission #9701 was accepted for review. The

submission was filed with the NAO on May 16, 1997, by Human Rights Watch (HRW), the International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF), and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (ANAD) of Mexico and raises issues of discrimination against women workers and women job applicants in Mexico.

Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) provides for the review of labor law matters in Canada and Mexico by the NAO. The objectives of the review of the submission will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations set forth in Articles 3 and 4 of the NAALC.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 14, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Irasema T. Garza, Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 16, 1997, HRW, the ILRF, and ANAD filed a submission with the NAO concerning allegations involving discrimination against women workers and women job applicants in Mexico's export processing (*maquiladora*) sector. The submission contains information that women are required to undergo pre and post employment pregnancy screening as a condition of employment and that pregnant women are denied employment or pressured into resigning from their jobs.

The procedural guidelines for the NAO, published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1994, 59 FR 16660, specify that, in general, the Secretary of the NAO shall accept a submission for review if it raises issues relevant to labor law matters in Canada or Mexico and if a review would further the objectives of the NAALC. The guidelines permit the NAO to decline to review a submission if, inter alia, the submission is not sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review.

Submission #9701 relates to labor law matters. A review would appear to further the objectives of the NAALC, as set out in Article 1, which includes improving working conditions and living standards in each Party's territory; promoting, to the maximum extent possible, the labor principles set out in Annex 1 of the NAALC, among them the elimination of employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, age, sex or other grounds; and promoting compliance with, and

effective enforcement by each Party, of its labor law.

Accordingly, the submission has been accepted for review. The NAO's decision is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the Allegations contained in the submission.

The objectives of the review will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations agreed to under Articles 3 and 4 of the NAALC. The review will focus on compliance with, and effective enforcement of, labor laws that provide protection against employment discrimination. The review will also focus on the access to the appropriate tribunals or other government bodies by workers who believe they have been discriminated against. The review will be completed, and a public report issued, within 120 days, or 180 days if circumstances require an extension of time, as set out in the procedural guidelines of the NAO.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on July 14, 1997.

**Irasema T. Garza,**

*Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public