

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2606]

International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc on Administrative Preparations for the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces a meeting, under the International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), of its Ad Hoc Group on administrative preparations for the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, to be hosted by the United States in Minneapolis in October/November 1998. The Ad Hoc meeting will be held Thursday, October 9, 1997, at 10 a.m. in Room 1207 of the Department of State, 22nd and C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of ITAC is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operational matters and to provide strategic telecommunications and information issues. To assist in preparations for specific international events and issues, the Department may establish an ITAC Ad Hoc group. The purpose of the upcoming Ad Hoc meeting is to provide an update on preparations for the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

Working group chairpersons of the Ad Hoc will report on past and upcoming activities. The telecommunications requirements for the Plenipotentiary Conference will be reviewed. Questions regarding the agenda may be directed to Anne Jillson, Department of State (202) 647-9117, fax number (202) 736-4933.

All participants may join in discussions, subject to instructions of the chair. In this regard, entry to the building is controlled. If you wish to attend, please send a fax to (202) 647-5957 at least 24 hours before the meeting, providing name, affiliation, date of birth and social security number, to arrange for pre-clearance. One of the following valid photo ID's is required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, passport, government ID (company IDs are not accepted). Enter the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: September 16, 1997.

Richard E. Shrum,

ITAC Executive Director.

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[Public Notice No. 2607]

International Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Telecommunications Development Sector (ITAC-D) Group Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Telecommunications Development Sector (ITAC-D) Group will meet over the next several months to prepare for the upcoming International Telecommunications Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference scheduled for March 23-April 1, 1998 in Valletta, Malta. First preparatory meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 17, 1997, Room 1408, U.S. Department of State.

The agenda for the preparatory meeting is to discuss and review proposals to the Conference regarding the Development Sector's mission and strategic plan, its structure and methods of work and the priorities for the programme 1999-2003. U.S. proposals for new Study Group questions will also be discussed. It is expected that ad hoc committees will be formed at the first meeting to work on specialized or specific topics.

Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Ms. Doreen McGirr at 202-647-0201. If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 no later than two days before the scheduled meeting. 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: September 17, 1997.

Doreen F. McGirr,

Chair of ITAC-D.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-102]

Determinations Under Section 304 of the Trade Act of 1974 With Respect to Certain Canadian Practices Affecting Periodicals

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of determinations, termination and monitoring.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2414(a)(1)(A)(ii)) ("the Trade Act") that certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Canada that restrict or prohibit imports of certain periodicals into Canada and apply discriminatory treatment to certain imported periodicals violates, or otherwise denies benefits to which the United States is entitled to under, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. This determination is based on the report of a dispute settlement panel convened under the World Trade Organization (WTO), at the request of the United States, to examine the Canadian measures at issue. That report, as modified by a report of the WTO Appellate Body, and adopted by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), found four Canadian measures affecting periodicals to be inconsistent with Canada's obligations under GATT 1994.

Following the adopting of this report by the DSB, Canada submitted a letter to the DSB announcing its commitment to meet its obligations under the WTO with regard to this matter and comply with the panel and Appellate Body reports within a reasonable period of time. Thus, pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act, the USTR has determined that, by making this commitment, Canada is taking satisfactory measures to grant the rights of the United States under the GATT. Therefore, the USTR will not take action under section 301 of the Trade Act at this time and has terminated this investigation, but will monitor under section 306 of the Trade Act Canada's implementation of this commitment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Kane, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-6800; or Megan Waters, Director for Canadian Affairs, (202) 395-3412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 11, 1996, the United States Trade Representative initiated an investigation under section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Trade Act") regarding certain measures adopted by the Government of Canada affecting periodicals and requested public comment on the issues raised in the investigation and the determinations to be made under section 304 of the Trade Act. 61 FR 11067 (March 18, 1996).