Network Attached Storage Devices (''NASD'') Project simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, CA; International Business Machines Corporation, San Jose, CA; National Storage Industry Consortium, San Diego, CA; Quantum Corporation, Shrewsbury, MA; Seagate Technology Incorporated, Bloomington, MN; and Storage Technology Corporation, Louisville, CO.

The area of planned activity for the NASD cooperative Research Agreement is research in the area of network attached storage device technology.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; Labor Practices in Burma, Public Hearings

This document is a notice of public hearings to be held by the Department of Labor (DOL) for the purpose of gathering information regarding labor practices in Burma. The hearing will be held on Friday, February 6, 1998, at DOL, Room N–3437, beginning at 9:30 am. The hearing will be open to the public. DOL is now accepting requests from all interested parties to provide oral or written testimony at the hearing. Each presentation will be limited to ten minutes. DOL is not able to provide financial assistance to those wishing to travel to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing are invited to submit written testimony. Parties interested in testifying at the hearing on labor practices in Burma should call Alison Smith (202/219–9403, ext. 166) to be put on the roster.

DOL, in consultation with the Department of State, is currently undertaking a Congressionally-mandated report addressing labor practices in Burma [pursuant to the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related programs Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 105–118, § 568, 111 stat 2429 (1997)]. The report is due to Congress within 120 days after November 26, 1997.

The relevant Conference Report requests that DOL address allegations and details on child labor practices, worker rights, the forced relocation of laborers, and the use of forced labor to support the tourism industry and the construction of the Yadana gas pipeline.

Information provided at the hearing will be considered by DOL in preparing its report to Congress. Testimony should be confined to the topic of the study. The Bureau of International Labor Affairs is seeking written and oral testimony on alleged violations of internationally recognized labor standards in Burma, i.e., freedom of association; the right to organize and bargain collectively; forced labor [testimony about forced labor should be limited only to new information not previously submitted to DOL for its hearing on June 27, 1997 (announced in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 1997; 62 FR 25658); child labor; and non-discrimination in employment. DOL is also interested in working conditions in Burma such as wage and hour, and health and safety issues.

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 1998. The deadline for being placed on the roster for oral testimony is 5:00 pm on Friday, January 30, 1998, Presenters will be required to submit five (5) written copies of their oral testimony to the Bureau of International labor Affairs by Wednesday, February 4, 1998. The record will be kept open for additional written testimony until 5:00 pm, February 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at DOL, Room N–3437, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC. Written testimony should be addressed to the Bureau of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, Attention: Alison Smith, Room S–5006, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; fax: 202/219–5613.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alison Smith, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–5006, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: 202/219–9403, ext. 166; fax: 202/219–5613. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Alison Smith by Monday, February 2, 1998.

All written or oral comments submitted pursuant to the public hearing will be made part of the record of review referred to above and will be available for public inspection.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of January, 1998.

Adrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor 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; Hearing on Submission #9702

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a hearing, open to the public, on Submission #9702.

Submission #9702, filed with the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) by the Support Committee for Maquiladora Workers (SCMW), the International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF), and the Union of Metal, Steel, Iron, and Allied Workers Union (Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria Metálica, Acero, Hierro, Conexos y Similares—STIMAHCS) of Mexico raises issues of freedom of association involving workers at an export processing (maquiladora) plant. The submission was accepted for review by the NAO on November 17, 1997 and a Notice of acceptance for review was published in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 1997.

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 in accordance with U.S. domestic procedures. Revised procedural guidelines pertaining to the submission, review, and reporting process utilized by the Office were published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1994 (59 FR 16660). The guidelines provide for a discretionary hearing as part of the review.

DATES: The hearing will be held on February 18, 1998, commencing at 9:00 a.m. Persons desiring to present oral testimony at the hearing must submit a request in writing, along with a written statement or brief describing the information to be presented or position to be taken.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in San Diego, California at a location to be announced. Written statements or briefs and requests to present oral testimony may be mailed or hand delivered to the