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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2836]

**United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Radiocommunication Sector; Study Group 4—Fixed Satellite Service; Meeting Notice**

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC),

Radiocommunication Sector Study Group 4—Fixed Satellite Service will meet on June 11, 1998 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 5951 at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20520.

Study Group 4 studies and develops recommendations concerning systems and networks for fixed satellites and inter-satellite links in the fixed satellite service including associated tracking, telemetry and telecommand functions. This meeting will review Study Group 4 international activities and began preparations for the October meeting of Study Group 4.

Members of the General Public may attend these meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chairman, David Weinreich.

**Note:** If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. On this fax, please include subject meeting, 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 your picture on it, 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: May 28, 1998.

**John T. Gilsenan,**

*Chairman, U.S. ITAC for ITU-Radiocommunication Sector.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2837]

**United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Radiocommunication Sector; Study Group 8—Mobile Services; Meeting Notice**

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Radiocommunication Sector Study Group 8—Mobile Services will meet on June 16, 1998 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 1207 at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20520.

Study Group 8 studies and develops recommendations concerning technical and operating characteristics of mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and related satellite services. This meeting will prepare for the July 7-8, 1998 international meeting of Study Group 8.

Members of the General Public may attend these meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chairman, John T. Gilsenan.

**Note:** If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7404 not later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. On this fax, please include subject meeting, 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 your picture on it, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

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**John T. Gilsenan,**

*Chairman, U.S. ITAC for ITU-Radiocommunications Sector.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**United States-European Union Transatlantic Economic Partnership**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to their recently-announced Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP) initiative, the United States and the European Union (EU) have proposed: to negotiate the reduction of barriers to U.S.-EU trade in goods, services, and agricultural products; cooperate in promoting international efforts to open markets

around the world, and encourage the bilateral exchange of views between governments, business, non-governmental organizations on trade, investment, and related issues. The Office of the United States Trade Representative seeks public comment on the initiative, including possible areas for negotiation and cooperation, and on procedures to obtain advice from interested parties.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted no later than July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 503, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ralph Ives, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Mediterranean or Mark Mowrey, Director for European Regional Affairs (202) 395-4620.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 18, 1998, President Clinton and his EU counterparts issued a joint statement announcing the TEP (reprinted following this notice). The TEP will have three components: (1) Negotiations to reduce barriers to bilateral trade in services, industrial goods, and agricultural products; (2) cooperative efforts in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international organizations to reduce or eliminate barriers that hinder international trade and capital flows and to address other related issues; (3) and efforts to enhance the transatlantic dialogue between business, non-governmental organizations, and governments on trade and investment matters.

The bilateral trade and investment component of the TEP will address trade barriers, particularly unnecessary regulatory impediments, that hinder transatlantic trade in such sectors as electronic commerce, services, agricultural products, government procurement, and intellectual property rights (IPR), while seeking to advance shared labor and environmental values. U.S. and EU efforts to increase their cooperative efforts in appropriate multilateral organizations will encompass such areas as services, agricultural goods, industrial tariffs, IPR, trade facilitation, electronic commerce, government procurement, trade and the environment, and support for the observance of internationally-recognized core labor standards.

The TEP will be implemented in a transparent manner that places a high priority on obtaining the views of business, labor, environmental, and