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3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "US-CAFTA Environmental Review" followed by "Written Comments." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments submitted in response to this request will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance

and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

USTR also welcomes and will take into account the public comments on US-CAFTA environmental issues submitted in response to a previous notice—the **Federal Register** notice dated October 16, 2002 (67 FR 63954) requesting comments from the public to assist USTR in formulating positions and proposals with respect to all aspects of the negotiations, including environmental issues. These comments will also be made available for public inspection. General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Initiation of Environmental Review of the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Negotiations; Public Comments on Scope of Environmental Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This publication gives notice that, pursuant to the Trade Act of 2002, and consistent with Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169) (Nov. 18, 1999) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review of the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the United States and Morocco. The TPSC is requesting written comments from the public on what should be included in the scope of the environmental review, including the potential environmental effects (both positive and negative) that might flow from the free trade agreement, including the potential implications for our environmental laws and regulations, and identification of complementarities between trade and environmental objectives such as the promotion of sustainable development. The TPSC also welcomes public views on appropriate methodologies and sources of data for conducting the review. Persons submitting written comments should provide as much detail as possible on the degree to which

the subject matter they propose for inclusion in the review may raise significant environmental issues in the context of the negotiation.

DATES: Public comments should be received no later than January 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submissions by electronic mail: FR0054@ustr.gov.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review should be addressed to Jennifer Prescott, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, USTR, telephone (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

On October 1, 2002, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, the United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick, notified the Congress of the President's intent to enter into trade negotiations with Morocco. Ambassador Zoellick outlined the specific U.S. objectives for the Morocco FTA in the notification to the Congress. The letters to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Byrd can be found on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2002/2002-10-01-morocco-house.PDF> and <http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2002/2002-10-01-morocco-senate.PDF>, respectively. The TPSC has invited the public to provide written comments and/or oral testimony at a public hearing scheduled for November 21, 2002, to assist USTR in formulating positions and proposals with respect to all aspects of the negotiations (67 FR 63187) (Oct. 10, 2002).

The U.S.-Morocco FTA will build on the bilateral work that began in 1995 under the U.S.-Morocco Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). The U.S.-Morocco FTA will seek to eliminate duties and unjustified barriers to trade in both U.S.- and Moroccan-origin goods and also address trade in services, trade in agricultural products, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, government procurement, trade-related environmental and labor matters, and other issues. The FTA is expected to contribute to stronger economies, the rule of law, sustainable development, and more accountable institutions of governance. The FTA will also help to

support and accelerate economic and political reforms already underway in Morocco.

Over the past six years, U.S. exports to Morocco averaged \$475 million annually, led by exports in the aircraft, cereals, and machinery sectors. Morocco's average applied tariff is more than 20 percent. By comparison, U.S. tariffs on Moroccan exports to the United States are already low or zero in many cases. Transistors, semiconductors, phosphates, and other minerals, which make up a large share of Moroccan exports to the United States, are already granted duty-free entry.

2. Environmental Review

USTR, through the TPSC, will perform an environmental review of the agreement pursuant to the Trade Act of 2002 and consistent with Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442).

Environmental reviews are used to identify potentially significant, reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts (both positive and negative), and information from the review can help facilitate consideration of appropriate responses where impacts are identified. Reviews address potential environmental impacts of the proposed agreement and potential implications for environmental laws and regulations. Determining the review's scope includes consideration of the environmental dimensions of the regulatory and trade policies at issue, including ways in which the trade agreement can complement U.S. environmental objectives. The focus of the review is on impacts in the United States, although global and transboundary impacts may be considered, where appropriate and prudent.

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice.

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USTR also welcomes and will take into account the public comments on environmental issues submitted in response to a previous notice—the **Federal Register** Notice dated October 10, 2002 (67 FR 63187)—requesting comments from the public to assist USTR in formulating positions and proposals with respect to all aspects of the negotiations, including environmental issues. These comments will also be made available for public inspection.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 2002, at 445 Antiqua Lane, Palm Beach, Florida. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than December 9, 2002, Marc C. Owen, Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-6823.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 18, 2002.

Marc C. Owen,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Monday, December 9, 2002. The meeting runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The session includes the following items: (1) Call to Order; (2) Welcome, Introductions, ITS America antitrust policy, Conflict of Interest Statements; (3) Consent Agenda: (a) Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2002, Board Meeting; (b) ITS Federal Report; (c) Finance Committee Report; (d) TEA-21 Reauthorization Task Force Report; (e) Council Reports; (f) Coordinating Council; (g) International Affairs