

Status: Open to the public.

Matters To Be Considered:

1. Agenda for future meetings: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1112 and 1113 (Final) (Glycine from Japan and Korea)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determinations and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on or before January 10, 2008).

5. Outstanding action jackets: (1) Document No. GC-07-225 (Administrative matter).

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 20, 2007.

William R. Bishop,

Hearings and Meetings Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for nominations for persons to serve on MACOSH.

SUMMARY: OSHA intends to recharter the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), which expires on June 26, 2008. MACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor on matters relating to occupational safety and health programs, new initiatives, and standards for the maritime industries of the United States which include Longshoring, Marine Terminals, and Shipyard Employment. The Committee will consist of 15 members and will be chosen from among a cross-section of individuals who represent the following interests: employers; employees; Federal and State safety and health organizations; professional organizations specializing in occupational safety and health; national standards setting groups; and academia. OSHA invites persons interested in serving on MACOSH to submit their names for consideration for committee membership.

DATE: Nominations for MACOSH membership should be postmarked by February 11, 2008

ADDRESSES: Nominations for MACOSH membership should be sent to: Dorothy Dougherty, Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Room N-3718, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph V. Daddura, Acting Director, Office of Maritime, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3621, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: (202) 693-2086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: OSHA intends to recharter MACOSH for another 2 years. MACOSH was established to advise the Secretary on various issues pertaining to providing safe and healthful employment in the maritime industries. The Secretary consults with MACOSH on various related subjects, including: ways to increase the effectiveness of safety and health standards that apply to the maritime industries, injury and illness prevention, the use of stakeholder partnerships to improve training and outreach initiatives, and ways to increase the national dialogue on occupational safety and health. In addition, MACOSH provides advice on enforcement initiatives that will help improve the working conditions and the safety and health of men and women employed in the maritime industries.

Nominations: OSHA is looking for committed MACOSH members who have a strong interest in the safety and health of workers in the maritime industries. The Agency is looking for nominees to represent the following interests and categories: employees; employers; State or Federal safety and health organizations; professional organizations; national standards setting groups; and academia. OSHA seeks a broad-based and diverse membership for MACOSH. Nominations of women and minorities are encouraged. Nominations of new members or resubmissions of former or current members will be accepted in all categories of membership. Interested persons may nominate themselves or may submit the name of another person who they believe to be interested in and qualified to serve on MACOSH. Nominations may also be submitted by organizations from one of the categories listed above. Nominations should include the name, address, and telephone number of the candidate. Each nomination should include a

summary of the candidate's training or experience relating to safety and health in maritime industries and the interest the candidate represents. In addition to listing the candidate's qualifications to serve on the committee, each nomination should state that the person consents to the nomination and acknowledges the commitment and responsibilities of serving on MACOSH.

Authority: Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by Sections 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), Secretary of Labor's Order 5-2007 (72 FR 31159), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 21, 2007.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 07-16]

Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2008

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This report is provided in accordance with section 608(d)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, Public Law 108-199, Division D, (the "Act").

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") assistance under section 605 of the Act to countries that enter into compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries in achieving lasting economic growth and poverty reduction, and are in furtherance of the Act. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") to take steps to determine the countries that, based to the maximum extent possible on objective and quantifiable indicators of a country's demonstrated commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investing in their people, will be eligible to receive MCA assistance for a fiscal year. These steps include the submission of reports to appropriate congressional committees

and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify, among other things:

1. The “candidate countries” for MCA assistance for a fiscal year, and all countries that would be candidate countries if they met the requirement of section 606(a)(1)(B) (section 608(a) of the Act);

2. The eligibility criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (the “Board”) will use to select “eligible countries” from among the “candidate countries” (section 608(b) of the Act); and

3. The countries determined by the Board to be “eligible countries” for a fiscal year, the countries on the list of eligible countries with which the Board will seek to enter into a compact, and a justification for the decisions regarding eligibility and selection for negotiation (section 608(d)(1) of the Act).

This is the third of the above-described reports by MCC for fiscal year 2008 (FY08). It identifies countries determined by the Board to be eligible under section 607 of the Act for FY08 and those that the Board will seek to enter into compacts under section 609 of the Act, and the justification for such decisions.

Eligible Countries

The Board met on December 12, 2007 to select countries that will be eligible for MCA compact assistance under section 607 of the Act for FY08. The Board determined the following countries eligible for such assistance for FY08: Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Jordan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Senegal, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Ukraine and Vanuatu, and with which MCC may seek to enter into a compact: Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Jordan, Malawi, Moldova, Namibia, Senegal, Tanzania, Timor Leste, and Ukraine.

In accordance with the Act and with the “Report on the Criteria and Methodology for Determining the Eligibility of Candidate Countries for Millennium Challenge Account Assistance in Fiscal Year 2008” submitted to the Congress on September 17, 2007, selection was based primarily on a country’s overall performance in relation to three broad policy categories: (1) “Ruling justly”; (2) “encouraging economic freedom”; and (3) “investing in people.” The Board relied upon 17 publicly available and independent indicators to assess policy performance and demonstrated commitment in these three areas, to the maximum extent

possible, for determining which countries would be eligible for MCA compact assistance. In determining eligibility, the Board considered if a country performed above the median in relation to its peers on at least half of the indicators in each of the three policy categories, and above the median on “control of corruption” and, if the country performed substantially below the median on any indicator, whether it is taking appropriate action to address the shortcomings. Scorecards reflecting each country’s performance on the indicators are available on MCC’s Web site at www.mcc.gov.

The Board also considered whether any adjustments should be made for data gaps, lags, trends, or recent events since the indicators were published, as well as strengths or weaknesses in particular indicators. Where appropriate, the Board took into account additional quantitative and qualitative information, such as evidence of a country’s commitment to fighting corruption and promoting democratic governance, its economic policies to promote the sustainable management of natural resources, and its effective protection of human rights and the rights of people with disabilities. In addition, the Board considered the opportunity to reduce poverty, promote economic growth and poverty reduction in a country, in light of the overall context of the information available to it as well as the availability of appropriated funds.

One country was selected as eligible for the first time in FY08: Malawi, a low income candidate, was selected under section 606(a) of the Act. Malawi (1) performed above the median in relation to their peers on at least half of the indicators in each of the three policy categories; (2) performed above the median on corruption; and (3) in cases where they performed substantially below the median on an indicator, there was either evidence that the data did not adequately reflect their policy performance or that the government is taking corrective action to address the problem.

Malawi is currently participating in the threshold program. Malawi meets the eligibility criteria for the first time in FY08, scoring above the median on 13 of 17 indicators, including the corruption indicator. The government of Malawi has demonstrated a strong commitment to fighting corruption, and is well into the implementation of a threshold program focused on accelerating anticorruption reforms and improving fiscal policy. There is a significant opportunity for a compact with Malawi to reduce poverty and

promote economic growth. Roughly seven million people (over half the population) live on less than \$2 a day. Although Malawi now meets the MCA eligibility criteria for compact assistance, successful implementation of its threshold program—and of the corresponding reform commitments—remains critical. Hence, the government of Malawi will be required to demonstrate successful implementation of the threshold program during the compact development process in order to reach a compact and then to continue to receive MCA funding under a compact.

Seventeen of the countries selected eligible for MCA assistance for FY08 were in the “low income country” category and were previously selected as eligible in at least one prior fiscal year—Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Georgia, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal, Tanzania, Timor Leste and Vanuatu. Six of the countries selected as eligible for MCA assistance for FY08 were in the “lower middle income country” category and were previously selected as eligible in at least one prior fiscal year—Armenia, El Salvador, Jordan, Morocco, Namibia, and Ukraine.

On December 12, 2007, the Board reselected these countries based on their continued performance since their prior selection. The Board also determined that no material change has occurred in the performance of these countries on the selection criteria since the FY07 selection that would justify not including them in the FY08 eligible country list. Eleven countries—Armenia, Benin, El Salvador, Honduras, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Timor Leste, and Ukraine—either did not perform above the median on control of corruption or did not perform above the median in relation to their peers on at least half of the indicators in each of the three policy categories. Cape Verde was not reselected as eligible, as this is the third year it does not meet the criteria in its new lower middle income country competition. MCC does not believe that a serious policy reversal or a pattern of actions inconsistent with the selection criteria has occurred in any of these countries. In analyzing performance, MCC found that these countries did not meet the criteria, due to one or a combination of the following factors:

- Graduation from the “low income country” to the “lower middle income country” category,
- Data improvements and revisions,

- The introduction of two new indicators and a new methodology in the “Investing in people” category,
- Slight declines in performance, and
- Score changes within the margin of error.

Therefore, all of the 12 countries can continue with compact implementation or compact development, providing they demonstrate progress toward meeting the criteria. These MCC countries will be required to develop and implement a remediation plan to address policy performance and/or data issues which prevent countries from meeting the eligibility criteria. The remediation process will give MCC and other U.S. Government agencies a basis for policy dialogue with the country about how to improve performance while allowing the country to demonstrate commitment to and progress toward meeting the eligibility criteria.

The Board also did not reselect Sri Lanka and the Gambia. Sri Lanka was not reselected this year due to the ongoing conflict in the country, which has escalated to a level that precludes MCC activities and which is inconsistent with the performance of an MCC-eligible country. The Gambia's eligibility was suspended in previous years and it was not considered this year for eligibility.

Finally, a number of countries that performed well on the quantitative elements of the selection criteria (i.e., on the policy indicators) were not chosen as eligible countries for FY08. As discussed above, the Board considered a variety of factors in addition to the country's performance on the policy indicators in determining whether they were appropriate candidates for assistance (e.g., the country's commitment to fighting corruption and promoting democratic governance; the availability of appropriated funds; and the countries in which MCC would likely have the best opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth).

Selection for Compact Negotiation

The Board also authorized MCC to invite Malawi to submit a proposal for a compact, as described in section 609 of the Act. MCC will initiate the process by inviting Malawi to submit a program proposal to MCC for due diligence review (previously eligible countries will not be asked to submit another proposal for FY08 assistance). MCC has posted guidance on the MCC Web site (www.mcc.gov) regarding the development and submission of MCA program proposals. Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee that MCC

will finalize a compact with an eligible country. Any MCA assistance provided under section 605 of the Act will be contingent on the successful negotiation of a mutually agreeable compact between the eligible country and MCC, approval of the compact by the Board, and availability of funds.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

William G. Anderson, Jr.,
Vice President and General Counsel,
Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Henry Pitney,
Alternate Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (07-098)]

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Earth Science Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other persons scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Thursday, January 17, 2008, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, January 18, 2008, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, room 6H45, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4452, fax (202) 358-4118, or mnorris@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Earth Science Division Update
- NASA Planning for the Earth Science Decadal Survey Implementation
- Cost Estimates of the Decadal Survey Proposed Missions
- Earth Science Data and Information Systems

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information no less than 5 working days prior to the meeting: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/green card information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 5 working days in advance by contacting Marian Norris via e-mail at mnorris@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-4452.

Dated: December 20, 2007.

P. Diane Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

National Counterterrorism Center

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

ACTION: Notice to establish systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is establishing several systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a. These systems of records are maintained by NCTC.

DATES: This action will be effective on February 6, 2008, unless comments received result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN number, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Mail: Director, Information Management Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC 20511.