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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6744]

### Town Hall Meeting To Review the Implementation of the Terezin Declaration Provisions Relating to the Restitution of Nazi-Confiscated Art

The Department of State's Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues is seeking the views of interested individuals and organizations regarding the implementation of the art restitution provisions of the June 30, 2009 Terezin Declaration. The Declaration was the concluding document of the Conference on Holocaust Era Assets which met in Prague June 26-30, 2009. The Declaration text is on the Department of State Web site at <http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/or/126162.htm>.

The Department will host a Town Hall Meeting on September 22 from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon to obtain expert views on the following:

- (a) Expanding systematic provenance research;
- (b) Making the results of such research available to the art community;
- (c) Developing alternative mechanisms to resolve claims for artworks displaced as a result of the Holocaust and World War II.

Individuals wishing to attend this town hall meeting should register no later than September 20 by e-mailing the following information to Ms. Carolyn Jones-Johnson ([Jones-JohnsonCD@state.gov](mailto:Jones-JohnsonCD@state.gov)): Full Name; Date of Birth;

Number of Government-issued Picture ID (Driver's License Number, including State of Issuance, U.S. Passport or Alternate Government-Issued Picture ID);

Organization which you represent, and its Address and Phone Number;

Home Address (only if attending as an individual).

Those who register are urged to arrive at the Department by 9:30 a.m. to allow time for security screening. Upon arrival, you will need to show valid government-issued identification: For example, a U.S. state driver's license or

a U.S. passport. The official address of the State Department is 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. Attendees should use the "23rd Street Entrance" on the West Side of the State Department's Harry S. Truman Building, located on 23rd Street between C Street and D Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Written comments on the above subjects may also be provided to the same e-mail address for Ms. Jones-Johnson cited above.

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**Ambassador J. Christian Kennedy,**

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of public hearing concerning China's compliance with its WTO commitments.

**SUMMARY:** The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

**DATES:** Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Friday, September 18, 2009. Written comments are due by noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2009. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on Friday, October 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions please contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Terrence J. McCartin, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for China Enforcement,

(202) 395-3900, or Claire E. Reade, Chief Counsel for China Trade Enforcement, (202) 395-9625.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year's report is available on USTR's Internet Web site (at [http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/asset\\_upload\\_file192\\_15258.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/asset_upload_file192_15258.pdf)).

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the Department of Commerce Web page, <http://www.mac.doc.gov/China/WTOAccessionPackage.htm>, or on the WTO Web site, <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

##### 2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas: (a) Trading rights; (b) import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses); (c) export regulation; (d) internal policies affecting trade (e.g., subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports); (e) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement); (f) services; (g) rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and (h) other WTO commitments. In addition, given the United States' view that China should be held accountable as a full