

with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the Museum of Biblical Art, New York, NY, from on or about February 19 until on or about May 30, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/632-6473). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

**Maura M. Pally,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 6867]

### U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting on February 11, 2010, in the conference room of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), located at 1850 K Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20006. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Commissioners will discuss public diplomacy issues, including interagency collaboration in advancing U.S. government public diplomacy efforts.

The Advisory Commission was originally established under Section 604 of the United States Information and Exchange Act of 1948, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1469) and Section 8 of Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1977. It was reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 111-70 (2009), 22 U.S.C. 6553.

The Advisory Commission is a bipartisan panel created by Congress to assess public diplomacy policies and programs of the U.S. government and publicly funded nongovernmental organizations. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current Commission members

include William Hybl of Colorado, who serves as Chairman; Jay Snyder of New York; Penne Korth Peacock of Texas; Lyndon Olson of Texas; John Osborn of Pennsylvania; and Lezlee Westine of Virginia.

Seating at this meeting is limited. To attend and for more information, please contact Carl Chan at (202) 632-2823. E-mail: [chanck@state.gov](mailto:chanck@state.gov).

Dated: January 12, 2010.

**Carl Chan,**

*Executive Director, ACPD, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6882]

### U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Organization of American States (OAS) Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP) Study Group

The OAS CIDIP Study Group will hold another public meeting to continue the discussion that began at the December 15, 2009 meeting and continued at the January 15, 2010 meeting. *This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.*

In the context of the Seventh Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-VII), the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CJAP) of the Permanent Council of the OAS is carrying out work on consumer rights as part of its program on private international law. Three proposals have been put forward: A revised Brazilian draft convention on applicable law that has recently been expanded to include jurisdiction, a Canadian draft model law on applicable law and jurisdiction, and a United States proposal (with several components) for legislative guidelines/model laws/rules to promote consumer redress mechanisms such as small claims tribunals, collective procedures, on-line dispute resolution, and government actions. The U.S. is considering the possibility of expanding its existing proposal.

The United States is also considering whether to pursue ratification of the Inter-American Convention on the Law Applicable to International Contracts (known as the Mexico City Convention), which was adopted at the Fifth Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-V). The United States is exploring the process for obtaining official corrections

to the English text of the Convention to conform to the Spanish version. Copies of proposed corrections to the English text can be obtained through the contact points listed below. Other developments which may be relevant to work at the OAS include the proposal at UNCITRAL for future work on on-line dispute resolution and the establishment by the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law of an experts group to consider development of a non-binding instrument on choice of law in international commercial contracts.

*Time and Place:* The public meeting of the Study Group will take place at the Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room H-481, Washington, DC on February 1, 2010, from 1 p.m. EST to 3 p.m. EST. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

*Public Participation:* Advisory Committee Study Group meetings are open to the public. Persons wishing to attend must contact Trisha Smeltzer at [smeltzertk@state.gov](mailto:smeltzertk@state.gov) or 202-776-8423 and provide their name, e-mail address, and affiliation(s) if any. Please contact Ms. Smeltzer for additional meeting information, any of the documents referenced above, or dial-in information on the conference call. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise those same contacts not later than January 8th. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. Persons who cannot attend or participate by conference call but who wish to comment on any of the topics referred to above are welcome to do so by e-mail to Michael Dennis at [DennisMJ@state.gov](mailto:DennisMJ@state.gov) or Hugh Stevenson at [hstevenson@ftc.gov](mailto:hstevenson@ftc.gov).

Dated: January 21, 2010.

**Michael Dennis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6885]

### Meeting of the Working group on Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is providing notice that the U.S. and Morocco will hold a meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Cooperation (“Working Group”) in Rabat, Morocco on February 9, 2010, at a venue to be announced. Meetings of the Working Group were forecast in paragraph five of the United States-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation (“Joint Statement”), signed on June 1, 2004.

During the meeting, the U.S. and Morocco will review cooperative environmental work they have undertaken and will outline plans for future activities pursuant to the Joint Statement. In addition, the U.S. and Morocco will formally review and adopt a new 2010–2012 Plan of Action for implementing environmental cooperation consistent with the Joint Statement. The entire meeting will be open to the public with simultaneous interpretation in English and French. Time will be allocated for question and answer sessions. See below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details on the background and purpose of the meeting.

**DATES:** To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than February 3, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be e-mailed ([WingRD@state.gov](mailto:WingRD@state.gov)) or faxed ((202) 647–1052) to Robert Wing, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, Office of Environmental Policy, with the subject line “Meeting of the U.S.-Morocco Working Group on Environmental Cooperation.” For those with access to the Internet, comments may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Wing, telephone (202) 647–6780.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In paragraph five of the U.S.-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, the United States and Morocco announced the establishment of a Working Group on Environmental Cooperation intended to meet regularly. The mandate of the Working Group is to advance environmental protection in Morocco by developing cooperative environmental activities that take into account environmental priorities and that are agreed to by the two Governments. The Working Group will develop a Plan of Action towards meeting this goal.

The 2005–2007 Plan of Action focused on a set of mutually identified

goals which will advance environmental protection in Morocco and will assist Morocco in meeting its obligations under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement. These goals were: (1) Strengthening the capacity to develop, implement and enforce environmental laws and regulations, (2) encouraging the development of incentives and voluntary mechanisms to contribute to the achievement and maintenance of high levels of environmental protection, (3) promoting opportunities for public participation in environmental protection efforts and improving public access to information and access to justice on environmental issues, (4) protecting coastal environmental zones and estuaries and preventing the over-exploitation of fisheries resources, (5) safeguarding important natural resources, such as water, and protected areas in Morocco, and (6) promoting the growth of the environmental-technology business sector. Some indicative actions undertaken in these areas have included workshops on environmental impact assessment and the use of economic incentives for environmental decision making. Ongoing work includes: Assistance to Morocco on enhanced compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) through legislation; technical assistance for a plan to enforce environmental rules in the textile sector; and development of a plan to manage waste from olive oil factories. The United States Agency for International Development, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture and the Trade and Development Agency and others have been involved in implementing these activities. Officials from U.S. and Moroccan agencies will present and discuss their activities at the Working Group meeting. The 2010–2012 Plan of Action will seek to build upon the progress made in the previous Plan of Action and will detail cooperative activities in four main priority areas: Institutional and policy strengthening; biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas; improved private sector environmental performance; and environmental education, transparency, and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement.

For more information, interested parties are encouraged to refer to: (1) The U.S.-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, (2) the 2005–2007 Plan of Action, (3) Chapter

17 of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Morocco, (4) the 2004 Final Environmental Review of the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, and (5) the Web site of the Moroccan Ministry of the Environment (French and Arabic) which are all available or linked at: <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/env/trade/morocco>.

Dated: January 22, 2010.

**Willem H. Brakel,**

*Acting Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications for Modification of Special Permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modification of special permits (*e.g.* to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, *etc.*) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix “M” denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 11, 2010.

*Address Comments to:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials, Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of