DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7853]

Determination on Foreign Military Financing Assistance for Egypt

Pursuant to section 7041(a)(1)(C) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2012 (Div. I, Pub. L. 112–74) (“the Act”), I hereby determine that it is in the national security interest of the United States to waive the requirements of section 7041(a)(1)(B) of the Act with respect to the provision of Foreign Military Financing for Egypt, and I hereby waive this restriction.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be reported to Congress.


Hillary Rodham Clinton,
Secretary of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

Meeting No. 12–02
April 26, 2012

The TVA Board of Directors will hold a public meeting on April 26, 2012, in the Grand Ballroom at the General Morgan Inn, 111 North Main Street, Greeneville, Tennessee. The public may comment on any agenda item or subject at a public listening session which begins at 8:30 a.m. (ET). Following the end of the public listening session, the meeting will be called to order to consider the agenda items listed below. On-site registration will be available until 15 minutes before the public listening session begins at 8:30 a.m. (ET). Pre-registered speakers will address the Board first. TVA management will answer questions from the news media following the Board meeting.

Status: Open.

Agenda
Chairman’s Welcome.

Old Business
Approval of minutes of February 16, 2012, Board Meeting

New Business
1. Report from President and CEO
2. Financial Update
3. Report of the Finance, Rates, and Portfolio Committee

A. Proposed contract with Holtec, Inc., for Dry Cask Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel
B. Proposed Optional Wholesale Rates
C. Contract amendments with two directly served industrial customers
D. Proposed contract with Energy Northwest for uranium and uranium enrichment services

4. Joint Report of the Finance, Rates, and Portfolio Committee and the Nuclear Oversight Committee
A. Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 Cost and Schedule Estimate
5. Report of the Nuclear Oversight Committee
A. Nuclear Safety Policy
6. Report of the People and Performance Committee
7. Report of the Audit, Risk, and Regulation Committee
8. Report of the External Relations Committee
A. Renewal of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council Charter

For more information: Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632–6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632–6000.

Anyone who wishes to comment on any of the agenda in writing may send their comments to: TVA Board of Directors, Board Agenda Comments, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.


Ralph E. Rodgers,
General Counsel and Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), as Amended: Request for Public Comments Regarding Beneficiary Countries

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 203(f) of the ATPA, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 3202(f)(2), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is requesting the views of interested parties on whether the remaining designated beneficiary country (as of May 15, 2012), Ecuador, is meeting the eligibility criteria under the ATPA. (See 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B)). This information will be used in the preparation of a report to the Congress on the operation of the program.

DATES: Public comments are due at USTR by noon, May 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0006. If you are unable to provide submissions through www.regulations.gov, please contact Bennett Harman, at (202) 395–9446 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant USTR for Latin America, at (202) 395–9446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ATPA, as amended by the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act of 2002 (ATPDEA) in the Trade Act of 2002, 19 U.S.C. 3201 et seq., provides trade benefits for eligible Andean countries. The original Act allowed only Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru to be considered as beneficiary countries if they met eligibility requirements laid out in 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B).

In Proclamation 8323 of November 25, 2008, the President determined that Bolivia no longer satisfies the eligibility criteria related to counternarcotics and suspended Bolivia’s status as a beneficiary country for purposes of the ATPA and ATPDEA. In a June 30, 2009 report to Congress, the President did not determine that Bolivia satisfies the requirements set forth in section 203(c) of the ATPA (19 U.S.C. 3202(c)) for being designated as a beneficiary country. Therefore, as provided for in section 208(a)(3) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 3206(a)(3)), no duty free treatment or other preferential treatment extended under the ATPA remained in effect with respect to Bolivia after June 30, 2009.

Further, Section 201 of the Omnibus Trade Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–344), which re-authorized the ATPDEA, terminated any duty free treatment or other preferential treatment available under ATPDEA to Peru, effective December 31, 2010.

On February 12, 2011, the trade benefits conferred under the ATPDEA lapsed but were re-instated retroactively on October 21, 2011 for eligible countries via section 501 of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 Note). Since January 1, 2011, only Ecuador and Colombia have been eligible beneficiary countries, pursuant to statute. Colombia will no longer be an eligible beneficiary country under the ATPDEA as of May 15, 2012, when the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement enters into force (19 U.S.C. 3805 Note).