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[Public Notice 8263]

Notice of Proposal To Extend the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic of China Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material From the Paleolithic Period Through the Tang Dynasty and Monumental Sculpture and Wall Art At Least 250 Years Old


Pursuant to the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to the requirement under 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), an extension of this MOU is hereby proposed.

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(2), the views and recommendations of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee regarding this proposal will be requested.

A copy of the MOU, the Designated List of restricted categories of material, and related information can be found at the following Web site: http://culturalheritage.state.gov.

Dated: March 22, 2013.

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Call for Expert Reviewers to the U.S. Government Review of the Working Group II Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Impacts, Adaptation & Vulnerability.

SUMMARY: The United States Global Change Research Program, in cooperation with the Department of State, request expert review of the Second Order Draft of the Working Group II Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Impacts, Adaptation & Vulnerability.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established the IPCC in 1988. In accordance with its mandate and as reaffirmed in various decisions by the Panel, the major activity of the IPCC is to prepare comprehensive and up-to-date assessments of policy-relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic information for understanding the scientific basis of climate change, potential impacts, and options for mitigation and adaptation. The IPCC develops a comprehensive assessment spanning all the above topics approximately every six years. The First Assessment Report was completed in 1990, the Second Assessment Report in 1995, the Third Assessment Report in 2001, and the Fourth Assessment in 2007.

Three working group volumes and a synthesis report comprise the Fifth Assessment Report. Working Group I assesses the scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change; Working Group II assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, potential negative and positive consequences, and options for adapting to it; and Working Group III assesses options for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise mitigating climate change. Procedures for the IPCC and its preparation of reports can be found at the following Web sites: http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/

In October 2009, the IPCC approved the outline for the Working Group II contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (Working Group II Table of Contents: http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/