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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Designation and Determination under the Foreign Missions Act

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including the Foreign Missions Act (codified at 22 U.S.C. 4301-4316) (hereinafter “the Act”), and delegated by the Secretary to me as the Under Secretary of State for Management in Delegation of Authority No. 198, dated September 16, 1992, and consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (codified at 22 U.S.C. 3301-3316), I hereby determine that the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (hereinafter, “TECRO”), including its real property and personnel, is a “foreign mission” within the meaning of section 202(a)(3) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 4302(a)(3)).

TECRO consists of its primary office, located in the District of Columbia, and its subsidiary offices known as Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices, located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Guam, Honolulu, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, and such additional locations as may be agreed upon between the American Institute in Taiwan (hereinafter, “AIT”) and TECRO.

I further determine that TECRO’s primary office in the District of Columbia used for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions, and annexes to such office (including ancillary offices and support facilities), and including the site and any building on such site which is used for such functions, is a “chancery” for purposes of 22 U.S.C. 4306.

After due consideration of the benefits, privileges, and immunities provided to AIT, as well as matters related to the protection of the interests of the United States, on the basis of reciprocity between AIT and TECRO, I hereby designate the following as benefits for purposes of the Act:

- For TECRO designated employees, exemption from all taxes and dues imposed by state, county, municipality

and territorial authorities in the United States in connection with the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle;

- For qualifying dependents of a TECRO designated employee, exemption from state, county, municipality and territorial sales or other similarly imposed consumption taxes in the United States, except those normally included in the price of goods and services, or charges for specific services rendered; and

- Exemption from state, county, municipal and territorial taxes in the United States (“real estate taxes”)—including, but not limited to, annual property tax, recordation tax, transfer tax, and the functional equivalent of deed registration charges and stamp duties—on the basis of real property’s authorized use for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions and for which TECRO would otherwise be liable.

For purposes of this determination, the term “TECRO designated employees” means persons duly notified to and accepted by AIT as designated employees of TECRO at its primary office or one of its subsidiary offices, including the heads of such offices. It shall not apply with respect to any person who is a national of, or is permanently resident in, the United States.

I determine that TECRO is required to obtain the exemption of real estate taxes through the Department of State’s Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) and that any tax exemption designated as a benefit in this determination shall be provided on such terms and conditions as OFM may approve. The manner in which an exemption from real estate taxes shall be extended by states, counties, municipalities, and territories shall also be subject to such terms and conditions as OFM may approve.

Following are the current terms and conditions governing the provision of exemptions from real estate taxes to TECRO on the basis of a property’s authorized use for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions:

- Such property must be:
 - the premises of TECRO’s primary office or one of its subsidiary offices, that is owned by TECRO’s primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, the head of such an office, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan;

- the primary residence of the head of TECRO primary office or one of its subsidiary offices, that is owned by TECRO’s primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, the head of such an office, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan;

- the primary residence of a member of the staff of TECRO’s primary office or one of its subsidiary offices, that is owned by TECRO’s primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan;

- a residence for temporarily lodging representatives or employees of the authorities on Taiwan who visit the United States in connection with the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions, that is owned by TECRO’s primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan; or

- owned by TECRO’s primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan for the purpose of constructing or renovating facilities that will be used for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions, provided that OFM authorized the acquisition of such property.

- The determination of TECRO’s entitlement to an exemption from real estate taxes associated with a property of a type described above, on the basis of the property’s authorized use for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions, is committed to the discretion of the Department of State, in consultation with AIT. Such determinations are made by OFM and are communicated by letter to the relevant state, county, municipal or territorial revenue authorities.

- All such letters will be signed by the Director of OFM’s Office of Diplomatic Property, Taxes, Services and Benefits (OFM/PTSB), or a successor office.

- Such letters serve as official notice to the relevant state, county, municipality, or territory that the described property, or acquisition or disposition thereof, is or is not entitled to an exemption from real estate taxes on the basis of the property’s authorized use for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions.

- States, counties, municipalities, and territories are prohibited from extending to TECRO an exemption from real estate taxes associated with a property on the basis of the property’s authorized use for the performance of TECRO’s authorized functions, except on the basis of written authorization from OFM.

- Conversely, on the basis of a letter as described above, states, counties, municipalities, and territories are required to extend to TECRO an exemption from real estate taxes to which OFM determines TECRO is entitled. If a state, county, municipality or territory has concerns regarding the

extension of such exemption benefits, then it should raise the matter directly with OFM.

- Unless otherwise determined by OFM, the effective date of OFM's authorization of an exemption from real estate taxes is the date the property deed in question is signed or transferred.

- States, counties, municipalities, and territories may establish additional procedures to ensure the proper extension of such exemption benefits, provided that:

- such procedures, including the establishment and use of any forms, serve only to facilitate the state, county, municipality, or territory's extension of exemption benefits to TECRO and not as a means to determine the TECRO's entitlement to the exemption benefit associated with a property on the basis of the property's authorized use for the performance of TECRO's authorized functions, which determination is committed to the sole discretion of the Department of State; and
- the state, county, municipality, or territory obtain written approval from the Director of OFM/PTSB confirming that the proposed procedural requirements do not violate or infringe on any benefits, privileges, or immunities enjoyed by TECRO.

Finally, I further determine that any state or local laws to the contrary are hereby preempted.

The exemption from real estate taxes provided by this designation and determination shall apply to taxes that have been or will be assessed against TECRO's primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, the head of such an office, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan with respect to property subject to this determination, and shall nullify any existing tax liens with respect to any covered property. This determination shall not require the refund of any taxes previously paid by TECRO's primary office, one of its subsidiary offices, the head of such an office, a component of such an office, or the authorities on Taiwan regarding such property. These actions are not exclusive and are independent of alternative legal grounds that support the tax exemptions afforded herein.

The actions taken in this Designation and Determination are necessary to protect the interests of the United States and to adjust for costs and procedures of obtaining benefits for AIT.

Dated: March 9, 2014.

Patrick F. Kennedy,
Under Secretary for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8666]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Monday, April 14, 2014, in Room 1107 of the Harry S. Truman Building at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be hosted by the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Charles H. Rivkin and Committee Chair Ted Kassinger. The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice concerning topics in international economic policy. The meeting will examine the "Post-2015 Development Agenda". It is expected that a subcommittee report will be provided by the Stakeholder Advisory Board for the U.S. National Contact Point for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

This meeting is open to public participation, though seating is limited. Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide, by Wednesday, April 9, their name, professional affiliation, valid government-issued ID number (i.e., U.S. Government ID [agency], U.S. military ID [branch], passport [country], or drivers license [state]), date of birth, and citizenship, to Ronelle Jackson by fax (202) 647-5936, email (JacksonRS@state.gov), or telephone (202) 647-9204. All persons wishing to attend the meeting must use the 23rd Street entrance of the State Department. Because of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be made to Ronelle Jackson before Wednesday, April 9. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records

Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

For additional information, contact Gregory Maggio, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-2231 or MaggioGF@state.gov.

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U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on Electronic Commerce

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss a Working Paper prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. EDT. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The UNCITRAL Secretariat has revised draft provisions on electronic transferable records, which are presented for in the form of a model law to facilitate discussion during the next meeting of UNCITRAL's Working Group IV, which will meet April 28-May 2, 2014. The Working Paper, which is numbered WP.128 and includes WP.128/Add.1, is available at http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/working_groups/4Electronic_Commerce.html.

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on the topics addressed in the Working Paper in advance of the meeting of Working Group IV. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to Michael Coffee at coffee@state.gov.

Time And Place: The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. e.d.t. in Room 356, South Building, State Department Annex 4, Washington, DC 20037. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street NW., at the intersection of 23rd Street NW., and D Street NW., by 9:30 a.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to