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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9645]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Valentin de Boulogne: Beyond Caravaggio” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Valentin de Boulogne: Beyond Caravaggio,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, New York, from on or about October 6, 2016, until on or about January 16, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9640]

Memorandum of Agreement Between the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Council on Accreditation

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State (the Department) is the lead Federal agency for implementation of the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (the Convention), the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA), and the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012 (UAA). Among other things, the IAA and UAA give the Secretary of State responsibility, by entering into agreements with one or more qualified entities and designating such entities as accrediting entities, for the accreditation of agencies and approval of persons to provide adoption services in intercountry adoptions. This notice is to inform the public that on July 11, 2016, the Department entered into an agreement with the Council on Accreditation (COA) designating COA as an accrediting entity (AE) for an additional five years.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Council on Accreditation (2016 MOA) remains largely consistent with the terms of the MOA signed on July 12, 2006 by Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State and signed on July 6, 2006 by Richard Klarberg, President and Chief Executive Officer, COA. However, the 2016 MOA has been updated to reflect enactment of the UAA and to remove obsolete references, while further refining the role and responsibilities of the accrediting entity and taking into account subsequent updates to the intercountry adoption accreditation regulations in 22 CFR part 96. The text of the 2016 MOA is included in its entirety at the end of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Barlow at 202-485-6347. Hearing or speech-impaired persons

may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, pursuant to section 202(a) of the IAA, must enter into an agreement with at least one qualified entity and designate it as an accrediting entity. Accrediting entities may be (1) nonprofit private entities with expertise in developing and administering standards for entities providing child welfare services; or (2) state adoption licensing bodies that have expertise in developing and administering standards for entities providing child welfare services and that accredit only agencies located in that state. Both nonprofit accrediting entities and state accrediting entities must meet any other criteria that the Department may by regulation establish. COA is a nonprofit private entity with expertise in developing and administering standards for entities providing child welfare services throughout the United States.

The final rule on accreditation of agencies and approval of persons (22 CFR part 96) was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 8064–8066, February 15, 2006) and became effective on March 17, 2006. The final rule establishes the regulatory framework for the accreditation and approval function and provides the standards that the designated accrediting entities will follow in accrediting or approving adoption service providers. Under the UAA, adoption service providers working with prospective adoptive parents in non-Convention adoption cases need to comply with the same accreditation requirement and standards that apply in Convention adoption cases.

Through the Department’s ongoing monitoring and oversight of COA, which includes an annual performance review, the Department observed that COA’s performance of its duties as an accrediting entity is in substantial compliance with the IAA, UAA and regulations set forth in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 96. Therefore, the Department has renewed the designation of COA as an AE.

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Parties & Purpose of the Agreement

The Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs (Department), and the Council on Accreditation (COA), with its principal office located at 45 Broadway, 29th floor, New York, NY

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).