The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, by way of teleconference. Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which will handle 500 participants. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (804) 469-0625 and use participant Code 974556036#. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 8th session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search and Rescue to be held remotely, April 19–23, 2021.

The agenda items to be considered include:

—Adoption of the agenda
—Decisions of other IMO bodies
—Routing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems
—Recognition of the Japanese regional navigation satellite system Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) and development of performance
—Standards for shipborne satellite navigation system receiver equipment
—Safety measures for non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters
—Revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV for Modernization of the CMDSS, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments
—Response to matters related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference
—Revision of the Guidelines on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance (resolution A.949(23))
—Developments in CMDSS services, including guidelines on Maritime safety information (MSI)
—Development of global maritime SAR services, including harmonization of maritime and aeronautical procedures
—Biennial status report and provisional agenda for NCSR 9
—Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022
—Any other business

Please note: The Sub-Committee may short notice, adjust the NCSR 8 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the virtual meeting format. Any updates will be provided at the public meeting and in advance, if possible, to anyone who RSVPs.

Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, George Detweiler, by email at George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372–1566, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7418, Washington, DC 20593–7418. A request for reasonable accommodation should be made at the time of RSVP, and not later than April 30. Requests received after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice: 11372]
Convening of an Accountability Review Board To Investigate the Murder of an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Locally Employed (LE) Staff Member in Tijuana, Mexico

Pursuant to Section 301 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4831), the Department of State convened an Accountability Review Board (ARB) to review the October 2020 murder of an APHIS LE Staff member in Tijuana, Mexico. The ARB will examine the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and submit its findings to the Secretary of State, together with any recommendations as appropriate. The Department has appointed George Staples, a retired U.S. ambassador, as Chair of the Board. The other Board members are retired U.S. Ambassador Janice Jacobs, Mr. Dirk Dijkerman, Mr. John Eustace, and Mr. Kimber Davidson. They bring to their deliberations distinguished backgrounds in government service.

The Board will submit its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of State. The Department will report to Congress on any recommendations made by the Board and actions taken with respect to those recommendations.

Anyone with information relevant to the Board’s examination of these incidents should contact the Board via email promptly at ARBtijuana2021@state.gov.

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