

Educational and Cultural Affairs, Room 246, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on 202-453-8524 or ChavezCC@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: This collection was formerly entitled Application and Evaluation of DOS-sponsored Academic Exchange Programs. The Department of State collects this information to identify qualified candidates for the Office's academic exchange programs.

Methodology: Applications are delivered physically to the offices of the grantee organization, submitted electronically, or through the mail.

Additional Information: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6348]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008, at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Room 1107, Washington, DC. The meeting will be hosted by Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs Daniel S. Sullivan and Committee Chair Ted Kassinger. The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice concerning issues and challenges in international economic policy. The meeting will focus on "Policies, Programs and Total Economic

Engagement with China"—with particular emphasis on the geopolitical relationship, post Beijing Olympics, and address the strategic economic dialogue including consumer safety issues and the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) negotiations. An update on the Administration's trade priorities will also be given. Subcommittee reports and discussions will be led by the Strategic Regions Subcommittee and the Economic Sanctions Subcommittee.

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 Thursday, September 25, 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 Sherry Booth by fax (202) 647-5936, e-mail (BoothSL@state.gov), or telephone (202) 647-0847. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the State Department building: U.S. driver's license, U. S. Government identification card, or any valid passport. Enter the Department of State from the C Street lobby. In view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

For additional information, contact Senior Coordinator Nancy Smith-Nissley, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-1682 or Smith-NissleyN@state.gov.

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Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Subcommittee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through its Maritime Law Subcommittee, will conduct an open meeting at 11 a.m. on October 14, 2008, in Room 1422 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The purpose of this meeting is to

prepare for the Ninety-fourth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Legal Committee (LEG 94) scheduled from 20-24 October 2008 in London.

The provisional LEG 94 agenda calls for the Legal Committee to examine the Provision of financial security, which includes a progress report on the work of the Joint IMO/ILO *Ad Hoc* Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers. The Committee will also address monitoring the implementation of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention) and development of a possible draft protocol to the Convention. Also on the provisional agenda are the Guidelines on fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident, matters arising from the twenty-fourth extraordinary session of the Council, the twenty-fifth regular session of the Assembly, and the hundredth regular session of the Council, and election of officers. Finally, the Committee will review technical cooperation activities related to maritime legislation, and the status of Conventions and other treaty instruments adopted as a result of the work of the Legal Committee, in addition to allotting time to address any other issues that may arise on the Committee's work program.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should call or send an e-mail two days before the meeting. Upon request, participating by phone may be an option. For further information please contact Captain Charles Michel or Lieutenant Amber Ward, at U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; e-mail Amber.S.Ward@uscg.mil, telephone (202) 372-3794; fax (202) 372-3972.

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