

the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 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 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibition: "The Lost World of Old Europe: The Danube Valley 5000–3500BC," 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 Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, New York, NY, from on or about November 11, 2009, until on or about April 25, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, 2200 C Street, NW., Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6789]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Origins of El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete"

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), Executive Order 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 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibition: "The Origins of El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete," 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 Onassis Cultural Center, New York, NY, from on or about November 16, 2009, until on or about February 27, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, 2200 C Street, NW., Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Suggestions for Updated 2009–2011 Plan of Action for Working Group on Environmental Cooperation Established Pursuant to the United States–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is soliciting ideas and suggestions for environmental cooperation projects between the United States and Morocco. The United States and Morocco are in the process of developing an updated 2009–2011 Plan of Action pursuant to the United States–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation issued in 2004. The Joint Statement outlines broad areas of environmental cooperation to assist Morocco in complying with its obligations under the United States–Morocco Free Trade Agreement. It is

envisioned that the 2009–2011 Plan of Action will focus on the following themes: (1) Institutional and policy strengthening for effective implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, (2) biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas, and other ecologically important ecosystems, (3) improved private sector environmental performance, and (4) environmental education, transparency, and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement.

The Department of State invites Government agencies and the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises, and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for the Plan of Action. In preparing such comments or suggestions, we encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, (2) the 2005–2007 Plan of Action, (3) the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Morocco, (4) the 2004 Final Environmental Review of the U.S.–Morocco Free Trade Agreement, and (5) the website of the Moroccan Ministry of the Environment (French and Arabic) which are all available or linked at: <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/env/trade/>. In the near future, the Department of State will be seeking ideas and suggestions for environmental cooperation projects with U.S. Free Trade Agreement partners Bahrain and Oman through similar **Federal Register** notices.

DATES: To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than November 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions should be e-mailed (LowtherAB@state.gov) or faxed ((202) 647–1052) to Alan Lowther, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, Office of Environmental Policy, with the subject line "U.S.–Morocco Work Plan on Environmental Cooperation." For those with access to the Internet, comments may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Lowther, telephone (202) 647–6777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In Paragraph 5 of the U.S.–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, the United States and Morocco announced the establishment of a Working Group on Environmental