

countries. The data DoS collects will be used internally by DoS to determine how its missions can maximize the impact of their public diplomacy resources: DoS analysts will use the data to produce guidance on how budget, personnel, and other resources that drive USG communications to foreign publics can be used more efficiently and effectively. The U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (in particular, 22 U.S.C. 2732), and the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 give DoS the legal authority to engage in public diplomacy activities, including this data collection.

### Methodology

Surveys will be administered by experienced in-country data collection subcontractors who will also clean and weight the data and then transfer the final data file to Department of State for analysis. Sampling strategies will vary by country/data collection subcontractor, but all surveys will employ a sampling and weighting strategy so that the surveys genuinely represent the general populations in terms of their geographic distribution and their demographic characteristics. For each country, the data should have an aggregate margin of error of no more than  $\pm 5\%$  at a 95% level of confidence and should be free of any bias.

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**Roxanne Cabral,**

*Director of Policy and Planning, R/PPR, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9059]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee Notice of Renewal of Charter

*Summary:* The Department of State has renewed the Charter for the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) without significant substantive change. Through this Committee, the Department of State will continue to obtain the views and advice of the general public, industry, non-governmental organizations, and interested government agencies in the maritime and related fields, on issues related to maritime security, safety of life at sea, and protection of the marine environment considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and other matters relating to international maritime shipping. The

Under Secretary for Management has determined the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee follows the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) that a meeting or portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting, unless there are extraordinary circumstances that require shorter notice.

For further information, please contact: Commander Marc A. Zlomek, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State, Office of Oceans Affairs, at [zlomekma@state.gov](mailto:zlomekma@state.gov) or by telephone at 202-647-3946. A copy of the Committee charter may also be obtained by accessing the FACA database maintained by the General Services Administration: <http://fido.gov/facadatabase>.

Dated: February 26, 2015.

**Marc A. Zlomek,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 383]

### Delegation to the Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights With Respect to Authority Under Section 620M(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended (22 U.S.C. 2378d)

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*) (the Act), Executive Order 12163 of September 29, 1979, as amended (44 FR 56673) (the Order), and Section 1 of the Department of State Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), and delegated to the Deputy Secretary pursuant to Delegation of Authority 245-1, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, to the extent authorized by law, the function of making determinations and reports under Section 620M(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 2378d).

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such

act, executive order, regulation or procedure as reenacted or amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, or the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 5, 2015.

**Antony Blinken,**

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9057]

### International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App section 10(a)(2), the Department of State announces a meeting of the International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) to take place on April 16, 2015, at the Department of State, Washington, DC

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App section 10(d), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), it has been determined that this Board meeting will be closed to the public because the Board will be reviewing and discussing matters properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. The purpose of the ISAB is to provide the Department with a continuing source of independent advice on all aspects of arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation, political-military affairs, international security, and related aspects of public diplomacy. The agenda for this meeting will include classified discussions related to the Board's studies on current U.S. policy and issues regarding arms control, international security, nuclear proliferation, and diplomacy.

For more information, contact Christopher Herrick, Acting Executive Director of the International Security Advisory Board, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, telephone: (202) 647-9683.

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**Christopher Herrick,**

*Acting Executive Director, International Security Advisory Board, U.S. Department of State.*

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