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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Record of Vote of Meeting Closure; (Public Law 94-409) (5 U.S.C. 552b)

I, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission, which started at approximately 12 p.m., on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at the U.S. Parole Commission, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the appointment of a hearing examiner. Four Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certification of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Cranston J. Mitchell, Isaac Fulwood, Jr., and Patricia Cushwa.

In witness whereof, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: August 28, 2008.

Edward F. Reilly, Jr.,
Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Groups assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study the issues of (1) The

spend down of retirement assets, (2) hard to value assets/target date funds, and (3) phased retirement, will hold a public teleconference meeting on September 29, 2008.

Members of the public wishing to listen to the teleconference may attend in Room C5515-B, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The purpose of the open meeting is for each Working Group to discuss its draft report with the full Advisory Council with respect to its recommendations to the Secretary of Labor. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., in the order listed above for the Working Groups. All recommendations are subject to discussion and approval by the full Advisory Council at its meeting on November 5-6.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement pertaining to the topic may do so by submitting 25 copies on or before September 22, 2008 to Larry Good, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5623, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Statements also may be submitted electronically to good.larry@dol.gov. Statements received on or before September 22 will be included in the record of the meeting. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address one or more of the Working Groups should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693-8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Larry Good by September 22 at the address indicated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 5th day of September, 2008.

Bradford P. Campbell,
Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 08-11]

Report on Countries That Are Candidates for Millennium Challenge Account Eligibility in Fiscal Year 2009 and Countries That Would Be Candidates but for Legal Prohibitions

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 608(d) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation to publish a report that identifies countries that are "candidate countries" for Millennium Challenge Account assistance during FY 2009. The report is set forth in full below.

Dated: September 5, 2008.

William G. Anderson, Jr.

*Vice President and General Counsel,
Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

Report on Countries That Are Candidates for Millennium Challenge Account Eligibility for Fiscal Year 2009 and Countries That Would Be Candidates but for Legal Prohibitions

This report to Congress is provided in accordance with Section 608(a) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, 22 U.S.C. 7701, 7707(a) (Act).

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) assistance to countries that enter into Compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries achieving lasting economic growth and poverty reduction. The Act requires Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to take a number of steps in determining the countries that will be eligible for MCA assistance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 based on a country's demonstrated commitment to (i) just and democratic governance, (ii) economic freedom and investing in their people, and (iii) the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country. These steps include the submission of reports to the congressional committees specified in the Act and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify:

1. The countries that are "candidate countries" for MCA assistance for FY 2009 based on their per-capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (Section 608(a) of the Act);

2. The criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (Board) will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the "candidate countries" consistent with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of Section 607 of the Act in order to select "MCA eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (Section 608(b) of the Act); and

3. The list of countries determined by the Board to be "MCA eligible countries" for FY 2009, with a justification for such eligibility

determination and selection for compact negotiation, including which of the MCA eligible countries the Board will seek to enter into MCA Compacts (Section 608(d) of the Act).

This report is the first of three required reports listed above.

Candidate Countries for FY 2009

The Act requires the identification of all countries that are candidates for MCA assistance for FY 2009 and the identification of all countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance. Sections 606(a) and (b) of the Act provide that for FY 2009 a country shall be a candidate for the MCA if it:

- Meets one of the following two income level tests:
 - Has a per capita income equal to or less than the historical ceiling of the International Development Association eligibility for the fiscal year involved (or \$1,785 gross national income (GNI) per capita for FY 2009) (the “low income category”); or
 - Is classified as a lower middle income country in the then most recent edition of the World Development Report for Reconstruction and Development published by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and has an income greater than the historical ceiling for International Development Association eligibility for the fiscal year involved (or \$1,786 to \$3,705 GNI per capita for FY 2009) (the “lower middle income category”); and
 - Is not ineligible to receive U.S. economic assistance under Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the “Foreign Assistance Act”), by reason of the application of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law.

Pursuant to Section 606(c) of the Act, the Board has identified the following countries as candidate countries under the Act for FY 2009. In so doing, the Board has anticipated that prohibitions against assistance as applied to countries in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, Pub. L. 110–161 (“FY 2008 SFOAA”)), will again apply for FY 2009, even though the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY 2009 has not yet been enacted and certain findings under other statutes have not yet been made. As noted below, MCC will provide any required updates on subsequent changes in applicable legislation or other circumstances that affect the status of

any country as a candidate country for FY 2009.

Candidate Countries: Low Income Category

1. Afghanistan; 2. Bangladesh; 3. Benin; 4. Bhutan; 5. Bolivia; 6. Burkina Faso; 7. Burundi; 8. Cambodia; 9. Cameroon; 10. Central African Republic; 11. Chad; 12. Comoros; 13. Congo, Dem. Rep.; 14. Congo, Rep.; 15. Djibouti; 16. Egypt; 17. Eritrea; 18. Ethiopia; 19. Gambia; 20. Ghana; 21. Guinea; 22. Guinea-Bissau; 23. Guyana; 24. Haiti; 25. Honduras; 26. India; 27. Indonesia; 28. Kenya; 29. Kiribati; 30. Kosovo; 31. Kyrgyz Republic; 32. Laos; 33. Lesotho; 34. Liberia; 35. Madagascar; 36. Malawi; 37. Mali; 38. Moldova; 39. Mongolia; 40. Mozambique; 41. Nepal; 42. Nicaragua; 43. Niger; 44. Nigeria; 45. Pakistan; 46. Papua New Guinea; 47. Paraguay; 48. Philippines; 49. Rwanda; 50. Sao Tome and Principe; 51. Senegal; 52. Sierra Leone; 53. Solomon Islands; 54. Somalia; 55. Sri Lanka; 56. Tajikistan; 57. Tanzania; 58. Timor-Leste; 59. Togo; 60. Turkmenistan; 61. Uganda; 62. Vietnam; 63. Yemen; 64. Zambia.

Candidate Countries: Lower Middle Income Category

1. Albania; 2. Algeria; 3. Angola; 4. Armenia; 5. Azerbaijan; 6. Bosnia and Herzegovina; 7. Cape Verde; 8. Colombia; 9. Dominican Republic; 10. Ecuador; 11. El Salvador; 12. Georgia; 13. Guatemala; 14. Jordan; 15. Macedonia; 16. Maldives; 17. Marshall Islands; 18. Micronesia, Fed. Sts.; 19. Morocco; 20. Namibia; 21. Peru; 22. Samoa; 23. Swaziland; 24. Thailand; 25. Tonga; 26. Tunisia; 27. Tuvalu; 28. Ukraine; 29. Vanuatu.

Countries That Would Be Candidate Countries but for Legal Prohibitions That Prohibit Assistance

Countries that would be considered candidate countries for FY 2009, but are ineligible to receive United States economic assistance under Part I of the

Foreign Assistance Act by reason of the application of any provision of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law are listed below. As noted above, this list is based on legal prohibitions against economic assistance that apply for FY 2008 and that are anticipated to apply again for FY 2009.

Prohibited Countries: Low Income Category

1. Burma is subject to numerous restrictions, including but not limited to Section 570 of the FY 1997 Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 104–208) which prohibits assistance to the government of Burma until it makes progress on improving human rights and implementing democratic government, and due to its status as a major drug-transit or major illicit drug producing country for 2008 (Presidential Determination No. 2007–33 (9/14/2007)) and a Tier III country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (Presidential Determination No. 2008–4 (10/18/2007)).

2. The Cote d'Ivoire is subject to Section 608 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which prohibits assistance to the government of a country whose duly elected head of government is deposed by military coup or decree.

3. Iraq is subject to Section 699K of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which prohibits the use of FY 2008 SFOAA funds for assistance to Iraq.

4. Mauritania is subject to section 608 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which prohibits assistance to the government of a country whose duly elected head of government is deposed by military coup or decree.

5. North Korea is subject to numerous restrictions, including but not limited to section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act which prohibits assistance to governments supporting international terrorism and Section 607 of the FY 2008 SFOAA.

6. Sudan is subject to numerous restrictions, including but not limited to Section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act which prohibits assistance to governments supporting international terrorism, Section 612 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, and Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act, both of which prohibit assistance to countries in default in payment to the U.S. in certain circumstances, Section 608 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which prohibits assistance to a country whose duly elected head of government being deposed by military coup or decree, and Section 666 of the FY 2008 SFOAA.

7. Syria is subject to numerous restrictions, including but not limited to 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act which prohibits assistance to governments supporting international terrorism, Section 607 of the FY 2008 SFOAA which prohibits direct assistance, and section 612 of the FY 2008 SFOAA and Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act, both of which prohibit assistance to countries in default in payment to the U.S. in certain circumstances.

8. Uzbekistan's central government is subject to Section 685 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which requires that funds appropriated for assistance to the central government of Uzbekistan may be made available only if the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Congress that the government is making substantial and continuing progress in meeting its commitments under a framework agreement with the United States.

9. Zimbabwe is subject to Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act and Section 612 of the FY 2008 SFOAA, which prohibit assistance to countries in default in payment to the United States in certain circumstances.

Prohibited Countries: Lower Middle Income Category

1. China is not eligible to receive economic assistance from the United States, absent special authority, because of concerns relative to China's record on human rights.

2. Iran is subject to numerous restrictions, including but not limited to Section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act which prohibits assistance to governments supporting international terrorism and Section 607 of the FY 2008 SFOAA which prohibits direct assistance.

Countries identified above as candidate countries, as well as countries that would be considered candidate countries but for the applicability of legal provisions that prohibit U.S. economic assistance, may be the subject of future statutory restrictions or determinations, or changed country circumstances, that affect their legal eligibility for assistance under Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act by reason of application of Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law for FY 2009. MCC will include any required updates on such statutory eligibility that affect countries' identification as candidate countries for FY 2009, at such time as it publishes the notices required by Sections 608(b) and 608(d) of the Act or at other appropriate times. Any such updates with regard to the legal eligibility or ineligibility of particular

countries identified in this report will not affect the date on which the Board is authorized to determine eligible countries from among candidate countries which, in accordance with Section 608(a) of the Act, shall be no sooner than 90 days from the date of publication of this report.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used to permit the public and other Federal agencies to use its official seal(s) and/or logo(s). The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 10, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7409; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694, or fax number 301-713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Use of NARA Official Seals.

OMB number: 3095-0052.

Agency form number: N/A.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government.

Estimated number of respondents: 10.

Estimated time per response: 20 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 3 hours.

Abstract: The authority for this information collection is contained in 36 CFR 1200.8. NARA's three official seals are the National Archives and Records Administration seal; the National Archives seal; and the National Archives Trust Fund Board seal. The official seals are used to authenticate various copies of official records in our custody and for other official NARA business. Occasionally, when criteria are met, we will permit the public and other Federal agencies to use our official seals. A written request must be submitted to use the official seals, which we approve or deny using specific criteria.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

Martha Morphy,

Assistant Archivist for Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-3031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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