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Javier E. Saade,

Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8975]

In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Palestinian Islamic Jihad as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) and (b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C), (b)) ("INA"), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State concludes that the circumstances that were the basis for the 2008 decision to maintain the designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization have not changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of the designation and that the national security of the United States does not warrant a revocation of the designation of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Therefore, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization, pursuant to Section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), shall be maintained.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 5, 2014.

John F. Kerry,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8976]

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on the Hague Trusts Convention

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law in the Department of State gives notice of a public meeting to discuss the Convention on the Law Applicable to

Trusts and on Their Recognition, which was done at The Hague on July 1, 1985 (hereinafter "Hague Trusts Convention" or "Convention"). The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. EST. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the public meeting is to assess the current level of interest among domestic stakeholders in the Hague Trusts Convention. The Convention was signed on behalf of the United States on June 13, 1988, but the United States is not a party. Eleven countries, in whole or in part, are parties to the Convention, including most common-law jurisdictions and a small number of civil-law countries in Europe.

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law is considering whether U.S. ratification of the Convention would be beneficial, as part of a more general initiative to try to address the domestic implementation of private international law treaties. For example, it would be useful to learn of the types of issues that may be confronted by those persons involved in handling trusts that have cross-border aspects, and the potential impact that the Convention would have on these issues.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. EST on January 21, in Room 240, South Building, State Department Annex 4, Washington, DC 20037. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street NW., at the intersection of 23rd Street NW., and D Street NW., by 10:00 a.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to John Kim at kimmjj@state.gov.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email pil@state.gov providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email pil@state.gov not later than January 14, 2015. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email pil@state.gov

to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities.

The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

Dated: December 5, 2014.

John J. Kim,

Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8977]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1105, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will last until approximately 12:00 p.m.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas that are assisted by the Department of State and attended by dependents of U.S. Government employees, and the children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools. There will be a report and discussion about the status of the Council-sponsored project to expand the World Virtual School. The Regional Education Officers in the Office of Overseas Schools will make presentations on the activities and initiatives in the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be

limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees. Persons who plan to attend should advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, telephone 202-261-8200, prior to January 15, 2015. Each visitor will be asked to provide his/her date of birth and either driver's license or passport number at the time of registration and attendance, and must carry a valid photo ID to the meeting.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

Any requests for reasonable accommodation should be made at the time of registration. All such requests will be considered, however, requests made after January 20th might not be possible to fill. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: December 9, 2014.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments on Additional Participants in Trade in Services Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: On January 15, 2013, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into negotiations for a Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) with an initial group of 20 trading partners. The January 15 notification states that the group negotiating TISA "will expand as negotiations progress to include others who share our ambitious goals." On November 3, 2014, USTR notified Congress of the Administration's intention to join a

consensus reached among the TISA negotiating participants to accept Uruguay into the negotiations. Through this notice, USTR seeks public comments regarding particular priorities with respect to the participation of Uruguay in the negotiations. Comments may be provided in writing.

DATES: Written comments are due by noon, January 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions via on-line:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning requirements for written comments, please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding this notice should be directed to Christopher Melly at (202) 395-4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 15, 2013, the USTR notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into the TISA negotiations. The following 22 trading partners are currently participating in TISA negotiations: Australia, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union on behalf of its member states, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Lichtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Switzerland, and Turkey. Comments received through that process may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USTR-2014-0001. On November 3, 2014, the USTR notified Congress of the Administration's intention to join a consensus reached among the TISA negotiating participants to accept Uruguay into the negotiations.

The Chair of the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites interested persons to provide written comments that will assist USTR in assessing U.S. objectives with regard to Uruguay's potential participation in the negotiations. The TPSC Chair invites comments on all relevant matters, and, in particular, with regard to the nature of any existing barriers to trade in services with respect to Uruguay or issues affecting the supply of services to Uruguay through various modes of supply and technologies.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "Trade in Services Agreement: New Participant." In order to be assured of consideration, comments should be

submitted by noon, January 20, 2015. In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Comments should be submitted under the following docket: USTR 2014-0026. To find the docket, enter the docket number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the <http://www.regulations.gov> home page and click "Search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting "Notices" under "Document Type" on the search-results page, and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on the "Help" tab.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a "Type Comment" field, or by attaching a document using the "Upload File" field. USTR prefers submissions to be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type Comment" field. USTR also prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the "Comments" field. For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC." Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" on the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing business confidential information must also submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character "P." The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments or reply comments. Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the