

report to the International Joint Commission, and releasing those reports to the public. The 1996 Progress Report of the Committee is now available and may be obtained from:

Acid Rain Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 6204J, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, Acid Rain Hotline: (202) 233-9620

Environment Canada, Enquiry Centre, 351 St. Joseph Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H3, (819) 997-2800.

The Executive Summary is available on Environment Canada's World Wide Web site: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/doe.html>

Under the Agreement, the Governments assigned the International Joint Commission the responsibility of inviting comments on each progress report of the Air Quality Committee. The International Joint Commission invites comment on any aspect of the 1996 Progress Report. Please send comments in writing by January 15, 1997 to either address below, or contact us if you have any questions about the comment process.

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Dated: November 6, 1996.

James Chandler,

Acting Secretary, United States Section.

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[Public Notice No. 2473]

Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Public Meeting

The Department of State is holding the sixth meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. The Committee was renewed on August 22, 1996, in order to continue to provide a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers

of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

The 24-person committee was appointed by Ambassador Vonya B. McCann, United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State, and serves under the Chairmanship of Ed Black, President, Computer & Communications Industry Association.

The purpose of this meeting will be to hear reports from the working groups on various issues that chart the future direction and work plan of the committee. The members will look at the substantive issues on which the committee should focus, as well as specific countries and regions of interest to the committee.

The committee will follow 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 the FACA Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (4) that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 1996, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 1105 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20520. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Shirlett Brewer at (202) 647-5233 or by fax at (202) 647-5957. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the committee, at (202) 647-5385.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee for International Communications and Information Policy.

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[Public Notice No. 2472]

U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy of Working Group on Economic Sanctions; Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy Working Group on Economic Sanctions on Monday, December 2, 1996 at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), it has been determined the meeting will be closed to the public. Matters relative to classified national security information as well as privileged commercial information will be discussed.

For more information contact Joanne Balzano, Working Group on Economic Sanctions, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-1003, phone: 202-647-1498.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Alan P. Larson,

Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs.

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[Public Notice No. 2467]

Notice of Briefing

The Department of State announces the third 1996 briefing on U.S. foreign policy economic sanctions programs to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., in the State Department Loy Henderson Auditorium, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C.

This briefing is a follow-on session to the March and July foreign policy economic sanctions briefings hosted by Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Joan Spero and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Sanctions and Commodities Bill Ramsey. As in the earlier briefings, Ambassador Ramsay will present an overview of the sanctions regimes overseen by the State Department's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and State Department desk officers will be on hand to discuss country-specific sanctions issues following Ambassador Ramsay's briefing.

Please Note: Persons intending to attend the December 17 briefing must announce this not later than 48 hours before the briefing, and preferably further in advance, to the Department of State, by sending a fax to 202-

647-3953 (Office of the Coordinator for Business Affairs). The announcement must include name, affiliation, Social Security or passport number and date of birth. The above includes government and non-government attendees. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the C Street Main Lobby.

Dated: November 7, 1996.

David A. Ruth,

Senior Coordinator for Business Affairs.

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[Public Notice 2474]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-98) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration period and requirements for the fourth year of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on the procedures for obtaining an opportunity to apply for one of the 55,000 immigrant visas to be made available in the DV category during Fiscal Year 1998. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33, which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(a)(3), 1153(c), and 1154(a)(1)(G)). Readers should note that the Department published amendments to its regulations at 22 CFR 42.33 in the Federal Register on January 22, 1996. [61 FR 1523.]

Information on the Entry Procedures for the 55,000 Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 1998

Sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, taken together established, effective for Fiscal Year 1995 and thereafter, an annual numerical limitation of 55,000 diversity immigrant visas to be made available to persons from countries that have had low rates of immigration to the United States. The DV-98 registration mail-in period will last 30 days and will be held from noon on February 3, 1997 through noon on March 5, 1997. This will give those eligible, both in the United States and overseas, ample time to mail in an entry.

How Are the Visas Being Apportioned?

The visas will be apportioned among six geographic regions. A greater number of visas will go to those regions that have had lower immigration rates

as determined pursuant to INA 203(c). There is, however, a limit of seven percent (or 3,850) on the use of visas by natives of any one foreign state. The regions, along with their Fiscal Year 1998 allotments are:

Africa: (21,179) Includes all countries on the continent of Africa and adjacent islands.

Asia: (7,280) Includes all countries except China, both mainland and Taiwan born, India, Philippines, South Korea, and Vietnam; (Hong Kong is eligible).

Europe: (23,213) Includes all countries except Great Britain (United Kingdom) and its dependent territories and Poland; (Northern Ireland is eligible).

North America: (8) The Bahamas is the only eligible country this year; (Canada is not eligible for this year's lottery.)

Oceania: (844) Includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and all countries and islands in the South Pacific.

South America, Central America, and the Caribbean: (2,476) Includes all countries except Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, and Mexico.

Who Is Eligible?

"High admission" countries are not eligible for the program. "High admission" countries are defined as those from which the United States has received more than 50,000 immigrants during the last five fiscal years for which data is available in the immediate relative, or family or employment preference categories. See INA 203(c)(1)(A). Each year the Immigration and Naturalization Services adds the family and employment immigrant admission figures for the previous five fiscal years to identify the countries that must be excluded from the annual diversity lottery. For 1998, "high admission" and therefore ineligible countries are: China (mainland and Taiwan), India, The Philippines, Vietnam, South Korea, Poland, United Kingdom and dependent territories (except see below), Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, El Salvador, Colombia, and The Dominican Republic.

Natives of Hong Kong and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for this year's lottery.

What Are the Requirements?

In addition to being born in a qualifying country, applicants must either (1) have a high school education or its equivalent or (2) within the past five years, have two years of work experience in an occupation that

requires at least two years of training or experience. See INA 203(c)(2).

There is no fee or special petition form that must be completed to enter. The entry must be typed or clearly printed in the English alphabet on a sheet of plain paper and must include the following:

1. Applicant's Full Name

Last Name (Surname/Family Name),

First Name and Middle Name

(Underline Last Name/Surname/Family Name)

Example: Public, George Quincy

2. Applicant's Date and Place of Birth

Date of birth: Day, Month, Year

Example: 15 November 1961

Place of birth: City/Town, District/

County/Province, Country

Example: Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Please use the current name of the country (e.g. Kazakhstan, Russia, Croatia, Slovakia, Eritrea, etc.), if different from the name in use at the time of birth.

3. Name, Date and Place of Birth of Applicant's Spouse and Minor Children, if Any

The spouse and child(ren) of an applicant who is registered for DV-98 status are automatically entitled to the same status. To obtain a visa on the basis of this derivative status, a child must be under 21 years of age and unmarried.

Note: DO NOT list parents as they are not entitled to derivative status.

4. Applicant's Mailing Address, and Phone Number, if Possible

The mailing address must be clear and complete, since it will be to that address that the notification letter for the persons who are registered will be sent. A telephone number is optional.

5. Applicant's Native Country if Different From Country of Birth

6. A Recent 1½ Inch by 1½ Inch Photograph of the Principal Applicant

The applicant's name must be printed across the back of the photograph. (The photograph should be taped to the application with clear tape, not attached by staples or paper clips which can jam the mail processing equipment.)

7. Principal Applicant's Signature Is Required on the Entry

The applicant must sign the entry using his or her normal signature, regardless of whether the entry is prepared and submitted by the applicant or someone else.

(Only the principal applicant, not the spouse and children, needs to submit a signature and photograph.)