

conservation of biological diversity, compatible economic use, and cultural values, through public and private partnerships, interdisciplinary research, education, and communication.”

Focal Issues

Within the mission of the U.S. Biosphere Reserve Program a wide range of conference and workshop topics are eligible. For example: a forum for Biosphere Reserve stakeholders at a single Biosphere Reserve unit or cluster of units; a regional or local vision setting workshop; or a conference for Biosphere Reserves stakeholders from throughout a region focusing on an issue or management approach of shared interest. Other ideas for conferences and workshop topics promoting the mission of Biosphere Reserves are welcome.

The U.S. Biosphere Reserve Directorate also intends to support partnership projects. Proposals are sought which strengthen cooperative relationships for enhancing the functions of Biosphere Reserves. Innovative and new approaches to conservation challenges will be given priority. Examples of eligible projects could include: assessing natural or cultural resources; building public support for conservation and sustainable development; fostering demonstrations of cooperative ecosystem management, or developing local planning mechanisms. Other ideas for partnership projects that promote the mission of Biosphere Reserves are welcome.

Feasibility studies for expanding the activities of existing Biosphere Reserves to more fully implement the regional, ecosystem-based mission of the BR program also are encouraged. However, feasibility studies for designating new Biosphere Reserve units are ineligible.

Proposals may include a request for partial staff support only if the proposal and the staff position are related to expanding the regional activities of a Biosphere Reserve or promoting a cooperative program involving multiple agencies and nongovernmental partners.

Proposal Content

Each proposal should have a title page and a one page synopsis of the proposal activities.

A maximum of three additional pages should describe: (1) The affected Biosphere Reserve or Biosphere Reserve cluster; (2) the applicant's relationship to the Biosphere Reserve; (3) the proposed conference or partnership project; (4) how the proposed conference or project relates to past, current, and projected BR activities at the site; (5) how the proposal complies

generally and specifically with the evaluation criteria; and (6) how the results of the conference or activity will be evaluated.

All proposals must also include a one page itemized budget including personnel, travel, operation, and equipment/supplies with justification. The budget page should show the status of any matching funds to the proposed activity.

A one-page map of the affected Biosphere Reserve, showing protected area(s), zone(s) of managed use, and zone of cooperation if applicable. The site of the proposed activities must be included.

The last page of the proposal should be a one-page letter of endorsement from the Biosphere Reserve manager(s). If the proposed activity would involve or benefit more than one Biosphere Reserve, one page letters of endorsement should indicate the support of the managers of the involved or affected Biosphere Reserves. Biosphere Reserve managers should endorse no more than one single proposal in each funding category this year.

Evaluation and Review Process

A review panel of The U.S. Biosphere Reserve Directorate will evaluate proposals based upon the following criteria:

- Alignment of the proposal with the mission and goals of the United States Biosphere Reserve Program as defined in Strategic Plan for the U.S. Biosphere Reserve Program dated December 1994, available from the U.S. MAB Secretariat, (address below);
- Likelihood that the proposal will result in tangible progress within a year toward promoting cooperative regional, ecosystem based initiatives that integrate conservation and sustainable development at Biosphere Reserve sites;
- Demonstrated local support for the project;
- Innovation in implementing Biosphere Reserve functions;
- Potential to replicate the concept or project at other Biosphere Reserve sites;
- Extent to which grant funds will be leveraged with matching funds or support from other private or public sources;
- Demonstrated capacity of the applicant to implement the proposal;
- Endorsement from Biosphere Reserve Manager(s).

Limitations

Grants may not be used for: feasibility studies for designating new biosphere reserves; institutional overhead; academic research; acquisition of land, buildings, or capital equipment; general

support of agency functions; or political activities. All grants should produce tangible results within one year.

Members of the Biosphere Reserve Directorate are not eligible to receive benefits from funds awarded through this request for proposals.

Awards will be announced by January 31, 1996. Principals will receive from the U.S. MAB Secretariat copies of all U.S. MAB/BR review evaluations of their proposals and a written notification of the directorate's decision on their proposal.

Submission of Proposals by December 1, 1995 and for further information: U.S. Man and the Biosphere Program, OES/ETC/MAB, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-4401, Tel: (202) 776-8318, Fax: (202) 776-8367, Attn: Biosphere Reserve Directorate.

Dated: August 22, 1995.

Roger E. Soles,

Executive Director, U.S. Man and the Biosphere Program, Office of Ecology and Terrestrial Conservation.

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[Public Notice No. 2255]

Advisory Committee to the United States Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

The Advisory Committee to the United States Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) will meet on October 18, 1995 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and October 19, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton International Airport at Baltimore/Washington Airport, 7032 Elm Rd., Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting will discuss an overview of highly migratory species research, the implementation of ICCAT conservation measures by the U.S. and other countries, reports of the Committee's working groups, and other matters. The meeting will be open to the public.

The Advisory Committee will also meet October 18, 1995 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and October 20, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. These sessions will not be open to the public inasmuch as the discussion will involve classified information and discussion of that information as it relates to the United States negotiating position to be taken at the Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas to be held in Madrid, Spain from November 10-17, 1995. The members of the Advisory Committee will examine various options for the

U.S. negotiating position at this meeting, and these considerations must necessarily involve review of classified matters. Accordingly, the determination has been made to close part of the October 18 session and the October 20 session pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and 5 U.S.C. 522b (c)(1) and (c)(9).

Requests for further information on the meeting should be directed to Mr. Brian S. Hallman, Deputy Director, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC), Room 7820, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520-7818. Mr. Hallman can be reached by telephone on (202) 647-2335 or by FAX (202) 736-7350.

Dated: September 18, 1995.

R. Tucker Scully,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans.
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**Overseas Security Advisory Council;
Notice of Closed Meeting**

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 7 and 8, 1995, at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) and (4), 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. The agenda calls for the discussion of classified and corporate proprietary/security information as well as private sector physical and procedural security policies and protective programs at sensitive U.S. Government and private sector locations overseas.

For more information contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-1003, phone: 202-663-0869.

Dated: September 19, 1995.

Mark Mulvey,

Director of the Diplomatic Security Service.
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[Public Notice No. 2263]

**Advisory Committee Study Group
Meetings on U.N. (UNCITRAL)
Initiatives on Cross-Border Insolvency**

A Study Group on Cross-Border Insolvency of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law has been established to review international organization efforts to harmonize rules applicable to cross-border insolvency involving business entities. The Study Group will hold two meetings in Washington, DC, Friday, October 13 and Friday, October 27, from 1 pm to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings will be to review a new project by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) involving preparation of model legislation or international guidelines on certain aspects of cross-border insolvency. Possible United States positions concerning the first UNCITRAL Working Group meeting on this topic beginning October 30, 1995 will also be considered. The Commission decided at its most recent Plenary session in May, 1995 to work primarily on procedural, rather than substantive, rules which could cover matters such as judicial cooperation with regard to jurisdiction, access to proceedings for foreign trustees and other interests, coordination of hearings, recognition of judgments, and enforcement. Consideration may also be given at this stage to international cooperation on asset tracing and recovery. Additional matters, including substantive law involving priorities of claims, relation to other law such as secured interests, and priorities as to distribution would only be considered, if at all, at a later stage.

The relationship of the Commission's project generally to U.S. interests, and its impact on facilitation of international trade will be considered. Current projects by other organizations will also be reviewed in this context, including the American Law Institute's project to consider harmonization of bankruptcy law between the NAFTA states, and projects by the International Bar Association, INSOL and others.

Background documents include an UNCITRAL Secretariat Report on the international judicial colloquium on cross-border insolvency at Toronto, Canada in March, 1995, U.N. Doc.A/CN.9/413, April 12, 1995, and a Report by INSOL International (International Association of Insolvency Practitioners) on the Joint Project of UNCITRAL and INSOL: cross-border insolvency access and recognition, March 1, 1995. Copies of these documents are available from

the Legal Adviser's Office at the address indicated below.

Background documents may be requested from, and persons who cannot attend the meetings are welcome to submit comments to, the Office of Legal Adviser (L/PIL), Department of State, State Annex 44, Suite 355 South Building, Washington, DC 20520, attention Harold S. Burman. The meetings are open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room and subject to the rulings of the Chair; meetings will be held at the State Department, the October 13 meeting at A.I.D. Conference Room 5951, and October 27 at the Bureau of European Affairs Conference Room 6219A. Since access to the building is controlled, persons wishing to participate should advise the Office of Legal Adviser not later than three days before the meeting of their name, address, telephone, affiliation, and social security number. For further information, please call Seema Aziz at (202) 776-8426 or 8420. Peter H. Pfund,

Assistant Legal Adviser.

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**Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas
Citizen Services**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State issued a public announcement concerning the recent determination by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation that the international airport in Manila, The Philippines, does not administer nor maintain effective security measures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margery Lemb, American Citizens Services, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Room 4811, Washington, D.C. 20520, 202-647-5000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 60 FR 41907, August 14, 1995.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44908(a), on September 11, 1995, the Department of State issued the following public announcement:

On August 7, 1995, the United States Secretary of Transportation determined that the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Manila, The Philippines, does not currently maintain security measures which are fully consistent with the standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Department of Transportation believes that air service