

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 4158]****United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee; Preparations for Various Telecommunication Standardization Meetings: Notice of Meetings**

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC). The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operational issues with respect to international telecommunications standardization bodies such as the International Telecommunication Union.

The ITAC will meet to debrief the ITU Plenipotentiary Meeting recently completed in Marrakech, Morocco on November 20, 2002 from 9:30-noon at the Department of State in a room to be announced.

Members of the public will be admitted to the extent that seating is available, and may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend a meeting at the Department of State should send their clearance data by fax to (202) 647-7407 or e-mail to [worsleydm@state.gov](mailto:worsleydm@state.gov) not later than 24 hours before the meeting. Please include the name of the meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with your picture on it, U.S. passport, or U.S. Government identification. Directions to the meeting location may be obtained by calling the ITAC Secretariat at (202) 647-2592 or e-mail to [worsleydm@state.gov](mailto:worsleydm@state.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 4179]****Advisory Committee Meeting on Law Applicable to Securities Intermediaries Meeting Notice**

The State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law Study Group on International Securities Transactions will hold two meetings at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on proposed treaty rules on determining

the law applicable to securities intermediaries for cross-border arrangements, and in particular the law applicable to dispositions of securities held through an indirect holding system. The meeting will provide an opportunity for comment on current proposals for such rules, on which final agreement will be sought in December 2002.

A preliminary meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and a final meeting on Wednesday, November 20 to review positions of the securities industry, agency authorities, and state and federal securities law and other related interests.

Finalization of the proposed rules, to be set out in multilateral treaty form, will be sought under the auspices of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, located at The Hague, Netherlands, an international private law body of which the United States is a member. Finalization of the proposed treaty rules does not in any manner commit the United States or any participant to implement the rules, and a review of the rules as adopted and full opportunity for comment will be initiated during the first quarter 2003.

*Agenda:* The meeting will review the latest draft rules which have been considered by a number of countries, organizations and industry representatives since work on this topic was initiated in January 2001, together with proposed amendments thereto. Recommendations will also be sought on further amendments and provisions that may be suggested.

Subject to availability of time, the meeting will review developments involving direct and indirect holders of securities, transfers of interest, dematerialization and immobilization of securities, the systemic role of multiple indirect holding systems, and the balance of interests to be achieved through harmonization at the international level by treaty. Among other issues, an applicable law regime will need to address what law governs transfers of securities held through custodial accounts and financial intermediaries. Important in that regard will be the interface with existing state and federal law in the United States.

Time permitting, the desirability of new efforts to prepare substantive rules on securities intermediaries by other international bodies which could build on progress achieved at the Hague Conference will be discussed, including in particular UNIDROIT and the Organization of American States (OAS).

*Documentation:* The conference working documents are available at

<http://www.hcch.net>, including the most recent draft provisions, in particular Preliminary Doc. Nos. 15 and 16, and the initial basic study by the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference, "Law applicable to disposition of securities held through indirect holding systems", Prel. Doc. No. 1.

*Attendance:* The public is invited to attend up to the capacity of the meeting room and may participate subject to the rulings of the chair. The meetings will take place at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, 33 Liberty Street, NYC. Since access to the building is controlled, persons wishing to attend should, not later than three (3) days prior to each meeting, notify Audrey Watson at 212-720-8403, fax 720-1756 of their participation, along with address, contact numbers and affiliation. For further information on the proposed rules or the Hague Conference, please contact Joyce Hansen, Sr. Vice President, New York Federal Reserve, at 212-720-5024, fax 212-720-1756 or Harold Burman, Office of the Legal Adviser, State Department, 202-776-8421; fax 202-776-8482.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement on the Expansion of Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Transit Service From Hamilton E. Holmes Station in the City of Atlanta, Georgia to Fulton Industrial Boulevard in Fulton County, GA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), is issuing this notice to advise interested agencies and the public that, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for an expansion of transit services westward from MARTA's Hamilton E. Holmes Station on its West Line to a logical terminus on Fulton Industrial Boulevard. Identified