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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Establishment of Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment Cooperation with China and Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices. Office of the Special Envoy for China and the Strategic Economic Dialogue.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Establish and Request for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury (the "Department") intends to establish the Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment Cooperation with China (the "Advisory Committee") to provide advice and recommendations on how best the United States can cooperate with China on addressing the energy and environment challenges that both countries face, including under the Framework for Ten Year Cooperation on Energy and Environment between the United States and China. The Department is seeking nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Advisory Committee members, and names of professional and public interest groups that should be represented on the Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be received before or on September 12, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to mary.kertz@do.treas.gov or by hard copy to Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment Cooperation with China, Office of the Special Envoy for China and the Strategic Economic Dialogue, Department of the Treasury, Main Treasury Building, Room 1308, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Kertz, Special Advisor to Ambassador Alan Holmer, Office of the Special Envoy for China and the Strategic Economic Dialogue, Department of the Treasury, Main Treasury Building, Room 1308, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-2208 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Department is publishing this notice that the Department intends to establish the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee's objective will be to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury, in the Secretary's role as the U.S. co-chair of the joint U.S.-China Steering Committee for Energy and Environment Cooperation (the "joint Steering Committee"). In particular, the Advisory Committee will make periodic recommendations to the U.S. representatives of the Joint Steering Committee, through the Secretary of the Treasury, on the status of energy and environment cooperation with China; on general energy and environment challenges facing the United States and China; and on the means to further

promote and enhance cooperation on energy and environment challenges that face both the United States and China.

The Advisory Committee will be directed to conduct its work with a view to furthering the mission of the Joint Steering Committee, to advance U.S.-China bilateral cooperation to address short-term, medium-term, and long-term energy and environment priorities. The charter will provide that the duties of the Advisory Committee shall be solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice or recommendations, through the Secretary of the Treasury, to the U.S. representatives of the Joint Steering Committee. No determination of fact or policy shall be made by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall meet as necessary to carry out its duties. The Advisory Committee expects to meet at least quarterly at the call of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in consultation with the Chair. The DFO shall ensure compliance with the requirements of FACA and its implementing regulations. Meetings of subcommittees may occur more frequently.

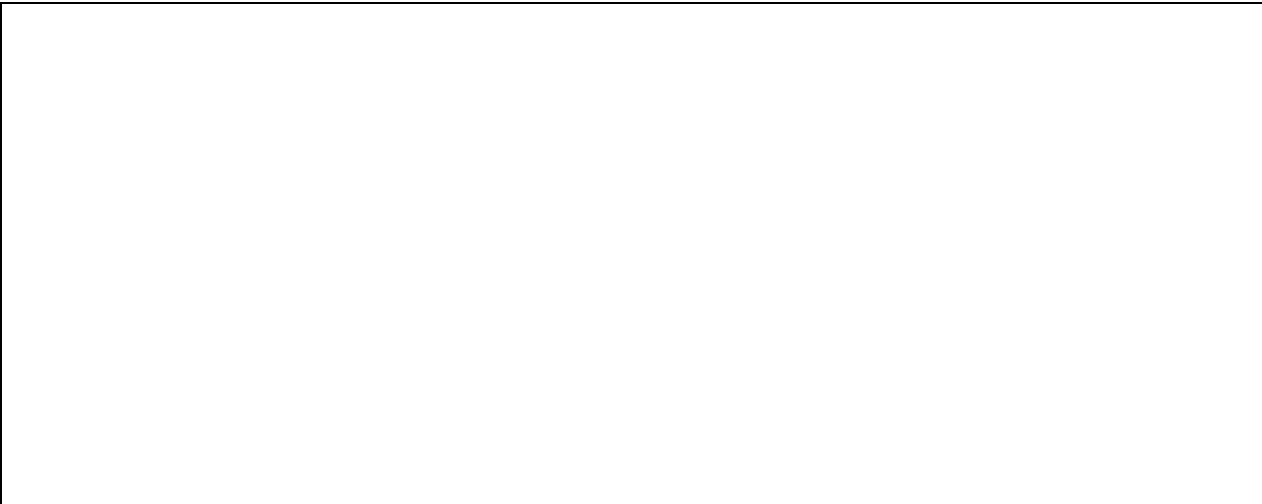
To achieve the Advisory Committee's objective, the Department will assure that the Advisory Committee reflects a balanced membership, including up to 25 members representing the views of both government and non-government entities and groups having an interest and demonstrated leadership in global energy and environment issues. In order to select Advisory Committee members who represent the greatest range of interest in U.S.-China cooperation on energy and environment issues, the Department is soliciting suggestions for potential Committee members from a variety of sources

including but not limited to industry, academia, think tanks, and non-governmental organizations. Nominations should describe and document the proposed members' qualifications for Committee membership. In addition to individual nominations, the Department is soliciting the names of professional and public interest groups that should have representative members participating on the Advisory Committee. Members will serve a two to three-year appointment with the possibility of a one-year renewal. Advisory Committee members will not receive compensation, but they will be reimbursed for travel expenses consistent with governing Federal laws and regulations.

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