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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### **E.O. 13224 Designation of Jund al-Khilafah in Tunisia, aka ISIS-Tunisia, aka ISIS-Tunisia Province, aka Soldiers of the Caliphate, aka Jund al-Khilafa, aka Jund al-Khilafah, aka Jund al-Khilafah fi Tunis, aka Soldiers of the Caliphate in Tunisia, aka Tala I Jund al-Khilafah, aka Vanguard of the Soldiers of the Caliphate, aka Daesh Tunisia, aka Ajnad, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist**

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the person known as Jund al-Khilafah in Tunisia, also known as ISIS-Tunisia, also known as ISIS-Tunisia Province, also known as Soldiers of the Caliphate, also known as Jund al-Khilafa, also known as Jund al-Khilafah, also known as Jund al-Khilafah fi Tunis, also known as Soldiers of the Caliphate in Tunisia, also known as Tala I Jund al-Khilafah, also known as Vanguard of the Soldiers of the Caliphate, also known as Daesh Tunisia, also known as Ajnad, committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously, I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

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

Dated: February 23, 2018.

**Rex Tillerson,**

*Secretary of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### **Notice of Continuation and Request for Nominations for the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is establishing a new four-year charter term and accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in serving as a member of the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade (IGPAC). The IGPAC is a trade advisory committee that provides general policy advice and guidance to the United States Trade Representative on issues involving trade and development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of U.S. state and local governments.

**DATES:** USTR will accept nominations on a rolling basis for membership on the IGPAC for the four-year charter term beginning in April 2018. To ensure consideration before the new charter term, you should submit your application by March 28, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameron Seward, Director for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, *Cameron.T.Seward@ustr.eop.gov* or 202-395-2210.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

Section 135(c)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1)), authorizes the President to establish individual general trade policy advisory committees for industry, labor, agriculture, services, investment, defense, small business, and other interests, as appropriate, to provide general policy advice. The President delegated that authority to the United States Trade Representative in Executive Order 11846, section 4(d), issued on March 27, 1975. Advisory committees established by the Trade Representative are subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. See 19 U.S.C. 2155(f); 5 U.S.C. App. II.

Pursuant to these authorities, the United States Trade Representative

intends to establish a new four-year charter term for the IGPAC, which will begin on April 4, 2018 and end on April 3, 2022.

The IGPAC is a discretionary trade advisory committee established to provide general policy advice to the United States Trade Representative on issues involving trade and development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of U.S. state and local governments. More specifically, the IGPAC provides general policy advice on issues that may affect U.S. state and local governments including: (1) Negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into trade agreements; (2) the impact of the implementation of trade agreements; (3) matters concerning the operation of any trade agreement once entered into; and (4) other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States.

The IGPAC meets as needed, at the call of the United States Trade Representative or his/her designee, or two-thirds of the IGPAC members, depending on various factors such as the level of activity of trade negotiations and the needs of the United States Trade Representative.

#### **II. Membership**

The IGPAC is composed of not more than 35 members who have expertise in general trade, investment and development issues and are appointed from U.S. states and localities, and other non-Federal governmental entities. Members represent the executive and legislative branches of state, county, and municipal governments and may hold elective or appointive office.

The United States Trade Representative appoints all IGPAC members for a term of four-years or until the IGPAC charter expires, and they serve at his/her discretion. Individuals can be reappointed for any number of terms. The United States Trade Representative makes appointments without regard to political affiliation and with an interest in fostering geographical diversity.

IGPAC members serve without either compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Members are responsible for all expenses they incur to attend meetings or otherwise participate in IGPAC activities.

The United States Trade Representative appoints IGPAC members to represent the executive and legislative branches of state, county, and municipal governments. USTR anticipates that virtually all members will serve in a representative capacity

with a very limited number serving in an individual capacity as subject matter experts. These members, known as special government employees or SGEs, are subject to conflict of interest rules and will have to complete a financial disclosure report.

### III. Request for Nominations

USTR is soliciting nominations for membership on the IGPAC. To apply for membership, an applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
  2. The applicant cannot be a full-time employee of a U.S. governmental entity.
  3. The applicant cannot be registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
  4. The applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.
  5. For representative members, who will comprise the overwhelming majority of the IGPAC, the applicant must represent the executive and legislative branches of state, county, and municipal governments.
  6. For members who will serve in an individual capacity, the applicant must possess subject matter expertise on issues involving trade and development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of U.S. state and local governments. If serving in an individual capacity, the applicant cannot be a federally registered lobbyist.
- In order to be considered for IGPAC membership, interested persons should submit the following to Cameron Seward at [Cameron.T.Seward@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Cameron.T.Seward@ustr.eop.gov):

- Name, title, affiliation, and contact information of the individual requesting consideration.
- If applicable, a letter on the organization's letterhead from the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government, containing a brief description of the manner in which international trade affects the state, county, or municipality and why USTR should consider the applicant for membership.
- The applicant's personal resume or comprehensive biography.
- An affirmative statement that the applicant and the organization he or she represents meet all eligibility requirements.

USTR will consider applicants who meet the eligibility criteria based on the following factors: Ability to represent the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government; knowledge of and

experience in trade matters relevant to the work of the IGPAC and USTR; and fostering balanced in terms of points of view and geography.

#### Gregory Walters,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0016]

#### Public Meeting Regarding NHTSA's Research Portfolio

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NHTSA is announcing a public meeting where the agency's Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices will present information on activities related to priority research programs in vehicle and behavioral safety, including a focused overview session on NHTSA's research in Automated Driving Systems (ADSs). Representatives from multiple research offices will present the research program area activities, near-term expected deliverables, and accept questions from the audience at the end.

**DATES:** NHTSA will hold the public meeting on March 16, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Check-in (through security) will begin at 7:30 a.m. Attendees should arrive early enough to enable them to go through security by 8:30 a.m. The public docket will remain open until April 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the DOT headquarters building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (Green Line Metro Station at Navy Yard) in the [West Building Atrium]. This facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The meeting will also be webcast live, and a link to the webcast will be made available to registrants prior to the event.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about the public meeting, please contact Lisa Floyd at 202-366-4697, by email at [Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov](mailto:Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov), or by U.S. Mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Registration is necessary for all attendees.* Attendees should register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHTSAPUBLICMEETING> by March 9, 2018. Please provide name, affiliation, email, and indicate whether you will be attending in person and whether you require special accommodations. Space is limited, so advanced registration is highly encouraged.

NHTSA DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need an accommodation because of a disability, please contact Lisa Floyd at 202-366-4697, or via email at [Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov](mailto:Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov), with your request by close of business March 9, 2018. Should it be necessary to cancel or reschedule the meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, NHTSA will take all available measures to notify registered participants.

NHTSA will conduct the public meeting informally, and technical rules of evidence will not apply. We will arrange for a written transcript of the meeting and keep the official record open for 30 days after the meeting to allow submission of supplemental information. You may make arrangements to obtain copies of the transcript directly with the court reporter, and the transcript will also be posted in the docket when it becomes available.

*Written Comments:* Written comments on the presented information can be submitted during the 30-day comment period. Please submit all written comments no later than April 2, 2018 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-366-1767.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion below.