DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 635]

Functions of the Department of State Relating to the National Endowment for Democracy

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including section 1 of the Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a); sections 1311–14 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6531–33; 22 U.S.C. 2651a(b)(3)); and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Act (22 U.S.C. 4411–16), I hereby delegate the following functions, including those that are or were vested in the Director of the United States Information Agency or in that Agency and are now vested in me:

(1) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Director of the Bureau of Global Acquisitions, the functions relating to audits of the National Endowment for Democracy as described in section 504(g) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4413(g)).

(2) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Bureau of Administration, the functions relating to the National Endowment for Democracy's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as described in section 506 of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4415).

(3) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Bureau of Global Acquisitions, the functions relating to administration of the grant program with the National Endowment for Democracy as described in section 503(a) and 504(a) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4412(a) and 4413(a)).

(4) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with regional bureaus, the authority to consult with the National Endowment for Democracy on any overseas program funded by the Endowment prior to the commencement of the activities of that program, as described in section 505(b) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4414(b)). The Department will therefore not view NED's consultation responsibility as having been satisfied by any communications that do not include the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy or that Under Secretary's designee. This authority may not be exercised by any other component of the State Department aside from the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, or pursuant to a redelegation by the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

The Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources may exercise the authority delegated herein. The Under Secretary for Management may exercise the functions herein referenced of the Bureau of Global Acquisitions and the Bureau of Administration. The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs may exercise the functions herein referenced of the Regional Bureaus. Functions delegated by this delegation of authority may be redelegated to an Officer of the United States, to the extent consistent with law.

To the extent that this delegation conflicts with the prior delegation of functions relating to the grant program with the National Endowment of Democracy articulated in Delegation of Authority 234, Section 1(7), this delegation takes precedence. It does not otherwise repeal or affect any delegation of authority currently in effect.

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Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

AGENCY: State Justice Institute.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 1st quarter of FY 2027, and other business.

DATES: The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

ADDRESSES: Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, 300 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703–660–4979, *contact@sji.gov.*

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10702(f))

Jonathan D. Mattiello,

Executive Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2026–0562]

Applications for Inclusion on the Binational Panels Roster Under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty (AD/CVD) proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a USMCA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the roster. USTR invites applications from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

DATES: USTR must receive your application by December 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You should submit your application through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov,* using docket number USTR–2026–0562. Follow the submission instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thor Petersen, Associate General Counsel, *Thorvald.J.Petersen@ustr.eop.gov,* 202.395.9599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Binational Panel AD/CVD Reviews Under the USMCA

Article 10.12 of the USMCA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD determination of one USMCA Party with respect to the products of another USMCA Party. Binational panels decide whether AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing USMCA Party using the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing USMCA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel's decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a 3-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of 15 current or former judges.