DEPARTMENT OF STATE

In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Palestinian Islamic Jihad as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) and (b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C), (b)) (“INA”), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State concludes that the circumstances that were the basis for the 2008 decision to maintain the designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization have not changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of the designation and that the national security of the United States does not warrant a revocation of the designation of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Therefore, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization, pursuant to Section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), shall be maintained.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: December 5, 2014.

John F. Kerry,
Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on the Hague Trusts Convention

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law in the Department of State gives notice of a public meeting to discuss the Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on Their Recognition, which was done at The Hague on July 1, 1985 (hereinafter “Hague Trusts Convention” or “Convention”). The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. EST. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the public meeting is to assess the current level of interest among domestic stakeholders in the Hague Trusts Convention. The Convention was signed on behalf of the United States on June 13, 1988, but the United States is not a party. Eleven countries, in whole or in part, are parties to the Convention, including most common-law jurisdictions and a small number of civil-law countries in Europe.

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law is considering whether U.S. ratification of the Convention would be beneficial, as part of a more general initiative to try to address the domestic implementation of private international law treaties. For example, it would be useful to learn of the types of issues that may be confronted by those persons involved in handling trusts that have cross-border aspects, and the potential impact that the Convention would have on these issues.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. EST on January 21, in Room 240, South Building, State Department Annex 4, Washington, DC 20527. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street NW., at the intersection of 23rd Street NW., and D Street NW., by 10:00 a.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to John Kim at jkim@state.gov.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email pil@state.gov providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver’s license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email pil@state.gov not later than January 14, 2015. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities.


Dated: December 5, 2014.

John J. Kim,
Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Overseas Schools Advisory Council Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1105, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will last until approximately 12:00 p.m.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas that are assisted by the Department of State and attended by dependents of U.S. Government employees, and the children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools. There will be a report and discussion about the status of the Council-sponsored project to expand the World Virtual School. The Regional Education Officers in the Office of Overseas Schools will make presentations on the activities and initiatives in the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be