



Cultural Property Advisory Committee

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Report on Closed Meetings of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

FY 2024: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) advises Department of State (“the Department”)¹ on U.S. actions to take in response to requests for U.S. import restrictions on categories of cultural property made under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (“the Convention”), as implemented by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2613, “the Act”).

The Committee ensures that the Department receives advice from diverse public interests in cultural property. Committee members include representatives of museums; experts in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related areas; experts in the international sale of cultural property; and representatives of the general public.

The Committee reviews requests of States Parties to the Convention to advise whether the requirements of the Act are met for entering into bilateral or multilateral agreements or unilaterally applying import restrictions on an emergency basis. The Committee also makes recommendations concerning extensions and suspensions of agreements and emergency restrictions. If the Committee recommends a new agreement, emergency action, or agreement extension, the Committee provides advice regarding the types of archaeological and/or ethnological materials that should be included and the terms and conditions necessary to carry out the intent of the Convention. Further, the Committee carries out continuing review of the effectiveness of agreements and emergency actions in force.

Summary of closed meetings

In FY 2024, the Committee met three times at the call of the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. On January 30-Feb 1, 2024, the Committee undertook an investigation and review of a new request from the Government of the Republic of India. The Committee also reviewed the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with the

¹ Through delegations of authority, the Secretary of State, the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs may exercise authority under the Act.

Government of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria. On June 4-6, 2024, the Committee undertook an investigation and review of a new request from the Government of Ukraine, as well as import restrictions on an emergency basis for Ukraine. The Committee also reviewed the proposed extensions of the cultural property agreements with the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador. On September 24-25, 2024, the Committee undertook an investigation and review of new requests from the Government of Mongolia and the Government of Lebanon. The Committee also reviewed the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with the Government of El Salvador.

Portions of each meeting were closed due to discussions of matters the inappropriate disclosure of which would compromise the U.S. government’s negotiating objectives or bargaining positions on the negotiations of agreements. Each meeting included an open session to receive public comment. In addition, public comments were collected via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Confidential comments were collected via email.

The minutes from the open and closed portions of each meeting are attached.

Membership

Alexandra Jones, Chair

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology,
Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields
Founder and Chief Executive Officer,
Archaeology in the Community
Washington, DC

Alex W. Barker

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology,
Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields
Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey
Fayetteville, AR

Amy Cappellazzo

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of
Cultural Property
Founder and Principal of Art Intelligence
Global
New York, NY

Andrew Lamarche Connors

Represents/Expertise: Museums
Director, Albuquerque Museum
Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM

Thomas R. Lamont

Represents/Expertise: General Public
President, Lamont Consulting Services, LLC
Springfield, IL

Nii Otokunor Quarcoopome

Represents/Expertise: Museums
Curator of African art and Department Head
of Africa, Oceania, and Indigenous Americas
Detroit Institute of Arts
Farmington Hills, MI

Susan Schoenfeld Harrington

Represents/Expertise: General Public
President, Susan Harrington NY Property Ltd
Senior Advisor, Brand Positioning Doctors Ltd
London, UK

Michael Findlay

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property

Director, Acquavella Galleries

New York, NY

Cynthia D. Herbert

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property

President, Appretium Appraisal Services LLC

New Canaan, CT

Miriam T. Stark

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields
Director, Professor of Anthropology
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Center for Southeast Asian Studies
Honolulu, HI

William A. K. Titelman

Represents/Expertise: General Public
Legislative Counsel to the PA Trial Lawyers Association, Attorney (Retired)
Jupiter, FL



Alexandra Jones

Chair, Cultural Property Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Minutes of the meeting on January 30-Feb 1, 2024

Tab 2 – Minutes of the meeting on June 4-6, 2024

Tab 3 – Minutes of the meeting on September 24-25, 2024



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SUMMARY OF MEETING

January 30 – February 1, 2024

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met January 30 – February 1, 2024, in Washington, D.C. and via videoconference. The Committee met in person and via video conference on January 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:09 p.m. EST; on January 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:54 p.m. EST; and on February 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:14 p.m. EST. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference on January 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. EST. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

The Committee was established by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (CPIA). It provides recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs regarding foreign government requests for assistance pursuant to Article 9 of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (“the Convention”).

Committee members present

- Alexandra Jones (Chair, Washington, D.C.)
- Alex W. Barker (Fayetteville, Arkansas)
- Amy Cappellazzo (New York, New York)
- Andrew Lamarche Connors (Albuquerque, New Mexico)
- Michael Findlay (New York, New York)
- Cynthia D. Herbert (New Canaan, Connecticut)
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- William A. K. Titelman (Jupiter, Florida)

Staff present for all or part of the meeting

- Eric Catalfamo, Director, Cultural Heritage Center (CHC), DOS
- Allison Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and Executive Director of the Committee, CHC, DOS
- Anne Compton, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Virginia Herrmann, Research Analyst (contractor), CHC, DOS
- Chelsea Freeland, Foreign Affairs Officer, CHC, DOS
- Jennifer Landside, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, DOS
- Judy Mann, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, DOS
- Denise Walker, Ethics Program Specialist, Financial Disclosure Reporting Program, DOS
- Mr. Courtney Woods, Public Diplomacy Officer, Embassy New Delhi
- Victoria Scarborough, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA), DOS
- Staci Dawson, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Algiers
- Ashley Arostegui, Desk Officer, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), DOS
- Mariko Schmitz, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, NEA, DOS
- Stephen Epstein, Senior Advisor for Cultural Heritage, NEA, DOS

Members of the public present during the open session

- Mark Lycett, University of Pennsylvania/Society for American Archaeology
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Committee for Cultural Policy
- Nicholas Fritz, Stack's Bowers Galleries
- Sanjay Kapoor, Kapoor Galleries
- Peter K. Tompa, International Association of Professional Numismatists
- Randolph J. Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild/American Numismatic Association
- Elias Gerasoulis, Global Heritage Alliance
- Ömür Harmanşah, Archaeological Institute of America/University of Illinois-Chicago
- Peter Herdrich, Cultural Capital Group

Representatives of the Government of India present for part of the meeting

- Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
- Anil Tiwari, Director, Archaeological Survey of India, ASI
- Gurmeet Chawala, Additional Director General, ASI
- Sanjay Kumar Manjul, Additional Director General, ASI
- Y.S. Rawat, Additional Director General, ASI
- Archana Asthana, Program Officer, ASI

Representatives of the Government of Algeria present for part of the meeting

- Nassim Mohand Amer, Director of Cooperations and Exchanges, Ministry of Culture and Arts
- Aicha Mouna Khalfi, Cultural Attache, Embassy of Algeria, Washington, D.C.

- Colonel Ramdane Youcef, Coast Guard, Algerian Naval Forces
- Captain Amer, National Center for Criminal Forensics
- Lieutenant Colonel Lotfi, National Police
- Brigadier Moulay Achour, Financial Unit, Judicial Police
- Rachid Bouteldja, Subdirector of Cultural Property Security, Ministry of Culture and Arts
- Sihem Hamedi, Department of Movable Cultural Property, Ministry of Culture and Arts
- Soumeya Benhadj, Deputy Director of Cooperations and Exchanges, Ministry of Culture and Arts

Others present for all or part of the meeting

- Cyril Flerov, RSI Technical Support Coordinator and Interpreter (contractor), Office of Language Services (OLS), DOS
- Karen Sutton, Interpreter (Arabic) (contractor)
- Reem Nuseibeh, Senior Diplomatic Interpreter (Arabic), OLS, DOS

Continuing Review (closed session)

The Committee undertook continuing review of the effectiveness of cultural property agreements and emergency actions currently in force.

Public Comments (open session)

The public provided comments to the Committee on the request from the Government of India for import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological cultural property as well as the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Cultural Property of Algeria* ("Algeria Agreement").

India Request (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the Government of India pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of India. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the request from the Government of India.

Algeria Extension (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of proposal to extend the Algeria agreement pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Algeria. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Algeria agreement.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m. EST on February 1, 2024.

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Alexandra Jones

Chair

Cultural Property Advisory Committee

November 25, 2024

Date



Cultural Property Advisory Committee

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SUMMARY OF MEETING

June 4 – June 6, 2024

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met June 4 – June 6, 2024, via videoconference. The Committee met on June 4 from 8:58 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. EDT; on June 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:11 p.m. EDT; and on June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:26 a.m. EDT. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 2:00 p.m. to 2:52 p.m. EDT on June 4, 2024. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

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- Virginia Herrmann, Research Analyst (contractor), CHC, DOS
- Leo Jilk, Strategic Communications Officer, CHC, DOS
- Jennifer Landsidle, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, DOS
- Adrian Webb, Junior Program Analyst (contractor), CHC, DOS
- Andrew Zonderman, Foreign Affairs Officer, CHC, DOS
- Michael Garth, Interagency and Multilateral Affairs Officer (contractor), CHC, DOS
- Robert Tate, East Unit Chief, Press and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR)
- Michael Zgoda, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, Europe/Eurasia
- Chigozie Okocha, Public Diplomacy Officer, U.S. Embassy Quito
- Carolina Herrera, Established Opinion Leader Specialist, U.S. Embassy Quito
- Jed Dornburg, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Amman
- Hanan Ghannoum, Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Embassy Amman
- Rachel Leslie, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Amman

Members of the public present during the open session

- Chris Jasparro, CURIA Lab/U.S. Naval War College
- Patricia Jubinska, Archaeological Solutions
- Sam Hardy, CURIA Lab/Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research
- Adam Rabinowitz, University of Texas–Austin
- Randolph J. Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild/American Numismatic Association
- Peter K. Tompa, International Association of Professional Numismatists
- Elias Gerasoulis, Global Heritage Alliance
- Katie Paul, ATHAR Project
- Morag Kersel, DePaul University
- James Zeidler, Society for American Archeology/Colorado State University
- Sarah Rowe, University of Texas–Rio Grande Valley
- Ömür Harmanşah, Archaeological Institute of America/University of Illinois-Chicago
- Tess Davis, Antiquities Coalition
- Jeremy Sabloff, Society for American Archeology

Representatives of the Government of Ukraine present for part of the meeting

- The Honorable Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, Oksana Markarova
- Kateryna Smaglyi, First Secretary, Public & Cultural Diplomacy

Representatives of the Government of Ecuador present for part of the meeting

- Ambassador Sandro Celi, Secretary of the National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility

- Fabian Enrique Valdivieso Eguiguren, Director of Cultural, Heritage and Tourism Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility
- María A. Cárdenas Rodas, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Ecuador
- Paulina Salazar, Director of International Relations and Cooperation, Ministry of Culture
- Veronica Alexandra Chamba Valarezo, President of the Committee for the Control of Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property, Ministry of Culture
- Eduardo Andrade Jaramillo, Director, Legal Advisor's Office, National Institute of Cultural Heritage
- Alfredo Armendariz, Director, Cultural Heritage Risk Management, National Institute of Cultural Heritage
- Gustavo Adolfo Benitez Alvarez, General Prosecutor, State Attorney General's Office
- Marlon Cahuasqui, International Relations, Ministry of Culture
- Carla Cruz, Secretary of the Technical Committee to Combat Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property, National Institute of Cultural Heritage
- Captain Francisco Enriquez, Chief of the National Investigation Unit for Crimes Against the Right to Culture, National Police
- Diana Carolina Espinoza Carua, National Police, Ecuador's National Customs Service
- Sergeant Elizabeth Lata, Sergeant of the National Investigation Unit for Crimes Against the Right to Culture, National Police
- Lieutenant Marco Vinicio Ortiz Arcentales, Head of the National Investigation Unit for Crimes Against the Right to Culture, National Police
- Paulina Herrera Otalora Leyra, Analyst for the Undersecretary of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture
- Estelina Quinatoa, Undersecretary of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture
- Maria Alejandra Sigcha Orrico, General Prosecutor, State Attorney General's Office
- Gary Lopez Velez, Deputy Directorate of International Affairs, State Attorney General's Office

Representatives of the Government of Jordan present for part of the meeting

- Fadi Bala'awi, Director-General, Department of Antiquities
- Mohammad Naser, Director of Archaeological Excavations & Surveys
- Mr. Aktham Oweidi, Technical Advisor, Department of Antiquities
- Diana Al-Hadid, Embassy of Jordan to the United States

Others present for all or part of the meeting

- Cyril Flerov, RSI Technical Support Coordinator and Interpreter (contractor), Office of Language Services (OLS), DOS
- Natasha Bonilla, Interpreter (Spanish) (contractor)
- Maria Covadonga Soto Casar, Interpreter (Spanish) (contractor)

Continuing Review (closed session)

The Committee continued its continuing review of the effectiveness of cultural property agreements and emergency actions currently in force.

Public Comments (open session)

The public provided comments to the Committee on the request from the Government of Ukraine for import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological cultural property; for emergency restrictions of archaeological and ethnological material from Ukraine; the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Ecuador* (“Ecuador MOU”); and the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Jordan* (“Jordan MOU”).

Ukraine Request (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the Government of Ukraine pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Ukraine. The Committee decided on recommendations regarding emergency action and an agreement with the Government of Ukraine.

Ecuador Extension (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Ecuador MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Ecuador. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Ecuador MOU.

Jordan Extension (closed session)


The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Jordan MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Jordan. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Jordan MOU.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. EDT on June 6, 2024.

Certification

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Alexandra Jones
Chair
Cultural Property Advisory Committee

November 25, 2024

Date



Cultural Property Advisory Committee

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SUMMARY OF MEETING

September 24 – September 25, 2024

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met September 24 – September 25, 2024, in Washington, D.C. and via videoconference. The Committee met on September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:06 p.m. EDT and on September 25 from 9:06 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. EDT. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 2:04 p.m. to 2:49 p.m. EDT on September 24, 2024. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

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- Andrew Zonderman, Foreign Affairs Officer, CHC, DOS
- Jennifer Landside, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, DOS
- Carlo Aragon, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Beirut
- Maral (Julie) Terzian, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, U.S. Embassy Beirut
- Moulik D. Berkana, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy to Mongolia
- Erika Erdenetsetseg, Public Affairs Staff, U.S. Embassy to Mongolia
- Jessica Padron, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy to El Salvador
- Luis D. Hubbard, Experiential Learning, Education and Youth Coordinator, U.S. Embassy to El Salvador
- Veronica Vasquez, Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Embassy to El Salvador
- Fernando Herrera, Established Opinion Leaders Exchanges Coordinator, U.S. Embassy to El Salvador

Members of the public present during the open session

- Ömür Harmanşah, Archaeological Institute of America/University of Illinois-Chicago
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Fitz Gibbon Law, LLC
- Peter K. Tompa, International Association of Professional Numismatists
- Elias Gerasoulis, Global Heritage Alliance
- Randolph J. Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild/American Numismatic Association
- Andrew G. Vaughn, American Society of Overseas Research
- Jeffrey Altschul, Society for American Archaeology
- Julia Clark, NOMAD Science Mongolia, Inc.
- Carlos Flores Manzano, Society for American Archaeology/Yale University

Members of the Government of Lebanon present for part of the meeting

- Sarkis Khoury, Director-General of Antiquities, Ministry of Culture
- Laure Salloum, Archaeologist, Regional Director for Beirut and Biqa Valley and Director of the Illicit Trafficking Unit, Directorate General of Antiquities, Ministry of Culture
- Samar Karam, Archaeologist, Regional Director for Northern Lebanon and Akkar, Directorate General of Antiquities, Ministry of Culture

Members of the Government of Mongolia present for part of the meeting

- Mr. Ankhbayar Ganbold, Educational and Cultural Counselor, Mongolian Embassy to the United States
- Mr. Davaatseren, head of the Cultural Heritage Department of the Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth

- Mr. Mednsaikhan, Senior Analyst, Cultural Heritage Policy Regulation Department, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth
- Ms. Enkhtuya, Senior Specialist, Cultural Heritage Policy Regulation Department, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth
- Ms. Tsolmon, Specialist, Cultural Heritage Policy Regulation Department, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth
- Mr. Tsenguun, Head of Foreign Relations and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth
- Ms. Binderya, Specialist, Foreign Relations and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth
- Mr. Davkharbayar, Head of Criminal Division's Combating Racketeering and Organized Crime Department, Special Unit on Combating Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage Artifacts, National Police Agency
- Mr. Bat-Erdene, Senior Inspector of the Department for Combating Customs Violation and Prevention, General Customs Authority
- Ms. Khulan, Second Secretary U.S. Desk, Department of the Americas, the Middle East and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Members of the Government of El Salvador present for part of the meeting

- Maria Isaura Arauz, National Director of Cultural and Natural Patrimony, Ministry of Culture
- Sandra Alarcón, Director of the Culture Registry, Ministry of Culture
- Gabriela Reyes, Legal Advisor, Culture Registry, Ministry of Culture
- Carolina Mariona, Office of International Affairs and Cooperation, Ministry of Culture
- Josue Perez, Director of Cooperation and International Relations, Ministry of Culture
- Sandra Caceres, Minister Counselor for Political Affairs, El Salvador Embassy to the United States
- Vilma Herrera, Cultural Attaché, El Salvador Embassy to the United States

Others present for all or part of the meeting

- Cyril Flerov, RSI Technical Support Coordinator and Interpreter (contractor), Office of Language Services (OLS), DOS
- Erdene Ochir Erdenechimeg, Interpreter (Mongolian) (contractor)
- Anudari Erdenebileg, Interpreter (Mongolian) (contractor)
- Nancy Hand, Interpreter (Spanish) (contractor)
- Gabriela Loncar, Interpreter (Spanish) (contractor)

Public Comments (open session)

The public provided comments to the Committee on the request from the Government of Lebanon for import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological cultural property; the request from the Government of Mongolia for import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological cultural property; and the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government*

of the Republic of El Salvador Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Materials of the Republic of El Salvador ("El Salvador MOU").

Lebanon Request (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the Government of Lebanon pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Lebanon. The Committee decided on recommendations regarding emergency action and an agreement with the Government of Lebanon.

Mongolia Request (closed session)

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the Government of Mongolia pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Mongolia. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding an agreement with the Government of Mongolia.

El Salvador Extension (closed session)


The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the El Salvador MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of El Salvador. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the El Salvador MOU.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. EDT on September 25, 2024.

Certification

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