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MEMORANDUM TO ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STATE POINTS OF CONTACTS (SPOCs)

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SUBJECT: Request for comments and notice of public hearing on intentions to enter into negotiations for an International Services Agreement

The United States Trade Representative notified Congress on January 15, 2013, of the Administration's intentions to enter into negotiations for an International Services Agreement (ISA) with an initial group of 20 trading partners. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking public comments regarding U.S. interests and priorities with regard to this initiative. Comments may be provided in writing and orally at a public hearing.

Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as their testimony, by February 26, 2013. The hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on March 12, 2013. Written comments are due by noon, February 26, 2013.

Please see the attached published Federal Register Notice for additional details and instructions for submitting written comments and registering for oral testimony.

<http://www.ustr.gov/federal-register-notices/international-services-agreements-request-comments-and-notice-public-hearing>