

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice that on November 17, 1997, Submission #9702 was accepted for review. The submission was filed with the NAO on October 30, 1997, by the Support Committee for Maquiladora Workers (SCMW), the International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF), the National Association of Democratic Lawyers of Mexico (ANAD), and the Union of Metal, Steel, Iron, and Allied Workers (Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria Metálica, Acero, Hierro, Conexos y Similares—STIMAHCS) of Mexico and raises issues of freedom of association involving workers at an export processing (maquiladora) plant.

Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) provides for the review of labor law matters in Canada and Mexico by the NAO. The objectives of the review of the submission will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations set forth in Articles 3 and 5 of the NAALC.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 17, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irasema T. Garza, Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 1997, SCMW, ILRF, ANAD and STIMAHCS filed a submission with the NAO concerning allegations involving freedom of association among workers at an export processing (maquiladora) plant. The submission contains information alleging that workers at the Han Young maquiladora plant in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, were harassed and intimidated because of their support for an independent union. It is also alleged that several union supporters were fired and one was physically attacked by the plant manager. Finally, the submission alleges that the local Conciliation and Arbitration Board (CAB) failed to enforce the appropriate provisions of the Mexican labor law.

The submission maintains that Mexico is in violation of NAALC Article 5(4) in failing to ensure that its labor tribunal proceedings are impartial and independent and do not have a substantial interest in the outcome of the matter; Article 5(1) in failing to ensure that such proceedings are fair, equitable and transparent; Article 5(1)(d) in failing to ensure that such

proceedings are not unnecessarily complicated and do not entail unwarranted delays; Article 5(2)(b) in failing to ensure that final decisions in labor proceedings are made available without undue delay; and 3(1)(g) in failing to enforce its labor laws protecting workers' rights through appropriate actions.

The submission asserts that Mexico has failed to enforce its labor laws regarding freedom of association, occupational safety and health, wages, payment of wages, seniority, and profit sharing as well as the Mexican Constitution which guarantees freedom of association. Finally, the submission alleges that Mexico is in violation of Convention 87 of the International Labor Organization (ILO) on freedom of association, which Mexico has ratified, and ILO Convention 98 on freedom of association and collective bargaining, which Mexico has not ratified but is nevertheless bound by as a member of the ILO.

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The procedural guidelines for the NAO, published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1994, 59 Fed. Reg. 16660, specify that, in general, the Secretary of the NAO shall accept a submission for review if it raises issues relevant to labor law matters in Canada or Mexico and if a review would further the objectives of the NAALC.

Submission #9702 relates to labor law matters in Mexico. A review would appear to further the objectives of the NAALC, as set out in Article 1 of the NAALC, among them freedom of association; promoting compliance with and effective enforcement by each Party of, its labor law; and fostering transparency in the administration of labor law. Accordingly, this submission has been accepted for review of the allegations raised therein. The NAO's decision is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission.

The objectives of the review will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the right to organize and freedom of association raised in the submission, including the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations agreed to under Articles 3 and 5 of the NAALC. The review will be completed, and a public report issued, within 120 days, or 180 days if circumstances require an extension of time, as set out in the procedural guidelines of the NAO.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on November 17, 1997.

**Lewis Karesh,**

*Deputy Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.*

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## **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**

### **Privacy Act; System of Records.**

**AGENCY:** National Council on Disability.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)), the National Council on Disability is issuing notice of our intent to amend the system of records entitled the National Payroll Center to include a new routine use. The disclosure is required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA, Pub. L. 104-193). We invite public comment on this publication.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on the proposed routine use must do so by December 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004; 202-272-2022 (fax); ebriggs@ncd.gov (e-mail). All comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ethel D. Briggs, Executive Director, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, D.C. 20004-1107; 202-272-2004 (Voice); 202-272-2074 (TTY); 202-272-2022 (Fax); ebriggs@ncd.gov (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Public Law 104-93, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, the National Council on Disability will disclose data from its National Payroll Center system of records to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Database of New Hires, part of the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) and Federal Tax Offset System, DHHS/OSCE No. 09-90-0074. A description of the Federal Parent Locator Service may be found at 62 FR 51663 (October 2, 1997).

FPLS is a computerized network through which States may request location information from Federal and State agencies to find non-custodial parents and their employers for purposes of establishing paternity and

securing support. On October 1, 1997, the FPLS was expanded to include the National Director of New Hires, a database containing employment information on employees recently hired, quarterly wage data on private and public sector employees, and information on unemployment compensation benefits. On October 1, 1998, the FPLS will be expanded further to include a Federal Case Registry. The Federal Case Registry will contain abstracts on all participants involved in child support enforcement cases. When the Federal Case Registry is instituted, its files will be matched on an ongoing basis against the files in the National Director of New Hires to determine if an employee is a participant in a child support case anywhere in the country. If the FPLS identifies a person as being a participant in a State child support case, that State will be notified. State requests to the FPLS for location information will also continue to be processed after October 1, 1998.

When individuals are hired by the National Council on Disability, we may disclose to the FPLS their names, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, dates of hire, and information identifying us as the employer. We also may disclose to FPLS names, social security numbers, and quarterly earnings of each National Council on Disability employee, within one month of the end of the quarterly reporting period.

Information submitted by the National Council on Disability to the FPLS will be disclosed by the Office of Child Support Enforcement to the Social Security Administration for verification to ensure that the social security number provided is correct. The data disclosed by the National Council on Disability to the FPLS will also be disclosed by the Office of Child Support Enforcement to the Secretary of the Treasury for use in verifying claims for the advance payment of the earned income tax credit or to verify a claim of employment on a tax return.

Accordingly, the National Council on Disability system notice is further amended by addition of the following routine use:

**Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses**

The names, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, dates of hire, quarterly earnings, employer identifying information, and State of hire of employees may be disclosed to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of

Health and Human Services for the purpose of locating individuals to establish paternity, establishing and modifying orders of child support, identifying sources of income, and for other child support enforcement actions as required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (Welfare Reform Law, Pub. L. 104-193).

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 12, 1997.

**Ethel D. Briggs,**

*Executive Director.*

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**NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 24, 1997.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Requests from Three (3) Federal Credit Unions to Convert to a Community Charter.
2. Request from a Federal Credit Union for a Charter and Insurance Conversion.
3. Requests from Two (2) Credit Unions to Merge and Convert Insurance.
4. Extension of Regulation Effective Date: Part 704, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Corporate Credit Unions.
5. Notice of Proposed Rule and Request for Comments: Part 708a, Appendix A, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Mergers or Conversions of Federally Insured Credit Unions to Non-Credit Union Status.
6. Notice of Proposed Rule and Request for Comments: Part 708b, Subpart C, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Mergers of Federally Insured Credit Unions; Voluntary Termination or Conversion of Insured Status.
7. Proposed National Small Credit Union Development Program.
8. NCUA's 1998/1999 Operating Budget.

**RECESS:** 12:30 p.m.

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 24, 1997.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Administrative Action under Sections 116, 206 and 208 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

2. Administrative Action under Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

3. Administrative Action under Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (5), (7), (8) and (10).

4. Two (2) Administrative Actions under Part 704 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).

5. One (1) Personnel Action. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

6. Delegations of Authority. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

7. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 790.2(b)(7), NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

8. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 791, including 791.4, 791.5, and 791.6, NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific computing (#1185).

*Date and Time:* December 12, 1997, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1105.17, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. John Van Rosendale, Program Director, New Technologies Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide recommendations and advice concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* Panel review of the new Technologies Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a