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U.S. National Commission for UNESCO Re-Established

In support of the United States' reentry into the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the U.S. Department of State re-established the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO on October 20, 2004.

The National Commission will function as a Federal Advisory Committee, providing expert advice to the U.S. Government on matters relating to UNESCO. It will also function as a liaison with organizations, institutions, and individuals in the United States interested in the work of UNESCO.

The National Commission, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is comprised of representatives from various non-governmental organizations interested in matters of education, science, culture, and communications. The Commission also includes at-large individuals and state, local, and federal government representatives.

Further information about the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, including the list of Commission members appointed by Secretary of State Colin Powell, can be found at the Commission's new website: www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/.