



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>New Chancery Building</b> Chancery of Morocco International Chancery Center International Drive and Reno Road, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 5253
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of State	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 72.10(38.00)43708
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approval of revised final site and building plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> International Center Act of 1968, Public Law 90-553, as amended by Public Law 97-186 at Section 3

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The Chancery of Morocco, in coordination with the Department of State (DOS), has submitted revised final site and building plans for a new chancery for the Kingdom of Morocco at the International Chancery Center (ICC) in Northwest Washington, DC. The project includes a building to serve as office space, the Ambassador's quarters, and a multipurpose hall; the project includes an underground parking garage and related site improvements.

Final site and building plans for the proposed 49,000-square-foot chancery were previously approved by NCPC in February 2009 (see NCPC File No. 5253). This submission is for proposed revisions to the fenestration of the building and new finishing materials and details on the façades. The overall size, footprint, shape, height, and functional characteristics of the proposed chancery remain the same as previously approved.

The revised finishing materials and details include:

- A light color, horizontally-coursed, oversize cast stone veneer with varying textures in a vanilla/tan color, complemented with horizontal bands of white hard-faced, stucco.
- Filigrees and decorative elements highlighting various features such as vertical accentuation of the windows with Islamic characteristics made of glass reinforced concrete.
- An upper band of fiber reinforced concrete providing bas-relief carvings with Islamic characteristics made of glass reinforced concrete.

In conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the International Chancery Center, prepared jointly by the DOS, NCPC, and the General Services Administration, included evaluation of a chancery on this lot at the ICC. Since no deviation of use for the site are being proposed, both the DOS and NCPC staff have determined that the EIS is sufficient for the proposed expansion of courtyard paving and that no additional environmental review is required for this project. In conformance with the National

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Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), NCPC designated the DOS lead agency for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. The DOS determined that the proposed chancery has no potential to cause effects on historic properties.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its January 16, 2013 meeting and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation; the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department; the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and the International Center Act of 1968, Public Law 90-553, as amended by Public Law 97-186 at Section 3, I approve the revised final site development plans for the Chancery of Morocco at the International Chancery Center, located at International Drive and Reno Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

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Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

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