

**EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**  
**CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREA**  
International Center, Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW,  
Washington, D.C.

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

September 1, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for a construction staging area, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, International Center, Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.10(38.00)41673, for a period not to exceed five years.

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The Department of State has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a construction staging area for the construction of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The Commission approved the final site and building plans for the PRC chancery building at its April 1, 2004 meeting. The United States government is currently in the process of constructing its chancery in China and has reciprocal agreements with the PRC regarding their respective chanceries and construction staging areas. In each case, the construction staging area has to be within close proximity to the chancery site. The temporary staging area for the PRC chancery is located at the southwest end of the University of the District of Columbia and is approximately 1.72 acres (The U.S. construction staging area in China is approximately 5 acres). The construction site will consist of two three-story butler-type buildings that will reach a height of approximately 32 feet and serve as offices for embassy and contractor staff during the construction of the chancery. No construction workers would be housed at the site. The site also contains several one-story ancillary structures used for storing construction related building components. An eight-foot corrugated steel panel fence would surround the perimeter of the site. All buildings and materials on site would remain for three years. The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposal at its August 17, 2005 meeting. The Department of State advises that the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended are not applicable to the proposal. There are no historic structures or areas in the immediate vicinity of the proposed construction staging area.

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