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## Media Advisory

### Emergency Meeting Regarding Sale of Human Remains and Sacred Objects at Paris Auction

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**WHAT:** Emergency Meeting of American Indian Nations, U.S. Government, U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce (2<sup>nd</sup> District, NM) and NGOs to Contest Paris Auction of Human Remains and Sacred Objects

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, May 24**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Potomac Atrium  
4<sup>th</sup> and Independence Street, S.W.

**WHO:** Top officials from The Acoma Pueblo Nation; The Hoopa Valley Tribal Nation; U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce (2<sup>nd</sup> District, NM); U.S. Department of State; U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO); National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); Association of American Indian Affairs (AAIA)

The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall hosts an emergency meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m., **to contest the May 30, 2016 sale of Native American human remains and sacred objects by the EVE auction house in Paris.**

Top officials will describe the damage inflicted upon the American Indian Nations by this and previous auctions, and will detail initiatives and legislation underway to stop them.

The meeting will take place in the Potomac Atrium on the first floor of the museum located on Independence Avenue, S.W., between 3rd and 4th Streets. (Please use the staff entrance on the south side of the museum, located on Independence at 4<sup>th</sup>).

Members of the press must RSVP at 202-633-6615 (office), 202-436-6805 (cell) or [maxwelle@si.edu](mailto:maxwelle@si.edu) as space is limited. Please plan on arriving at 2:45 p.m. and be prepared to begin at 3:25. Interested public is also invited.

## **About the National Museum of the American Indian**

The National Museum of the American Indian is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere—past, present and future—through partnership with Native people and others. For additional information about the National Museum of the American Indian, visit [AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://AmericanIndian.si.edu). Follow the museum via social media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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