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REFS: A) ROME 8076, B) ROME 8225, C) ROME 8608

SUMMARY

1. THE VATICAN HAD ITS BIGGEST FOREIGN POLICY IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR AT THE 1994 UN CAIRO CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH THE FACT THAT THE HOLY SEE WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT THERE AT ALL TOOK SOME BY SURPRISE. THE VATICAN WILL BE JUST AS ACTIVE AGAIN AT THE UPCOMING UN BEIJING FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, ARGUING FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE FAMILY IN A "POSITIVE WAY"; AGAINST IMPOSING A "WESTERN MODEL" OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY; AND, OF COURSE, AGAINST ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION. THIS CABLE EXAMINES THE VATICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE UN SYSTEM AND ITS REPRESENTATION TO UN AGENCIES. THE VATICAN DEVOTES MUCH OF ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO THE UN, SEEING IT AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROMOTE PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM), AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD.

2. THIS IS THE FOURTH OF FIVE CABLES ON THE

VATICAN'S POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. REFTEL A EXPLAINED THE HISTORICAL BASIS FOR THE HOLY SEE'S UNIQUE POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AND THE STRUCTURE OF ITS GOVERNMENT; REFTEL B PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE HOLY SEE'S DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION TO THE HOLY SEE; REFTEL C COVERED THE AIMS OF VATICAN DIPLOMACY. THE FINAL CABLE WILL FOCUS ON THE LIKELY NEAR-TERM FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE VATICAN. END SUMMARY.

REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

3. THE HOLY SEE MAINTAINS REPRESENTATION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK, UN OFFICES IN GENEVA AND VIENNA, UNESCO, INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, UNDP, UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, OSCE, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, OAS, AND THE WORLD TOURIST ORGANIZATION, AND IS A SIGNATORY OF THE NPT.

4. THE HOLY SEE IS NOT A FULL MEMBER STATE OF THE UN BECAUSE IT LACKS CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF A STATE. ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE UN IS USUALLY AS A PERMANENT OBSERVER, WHICH GIVES THE VATICAN THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN UN PROCEEDINGS AND MEETINGS, BUT NOT ALL THE RIGHTS OF FULL MEMBERSHIP, SUCH AS VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS. THE HOLY SEE IS, HOWEVER, ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY AS A SOVEREIGN ENTITY AND A RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL ACTOR, AND THEREFORE ABLE TO ACT DIPLOMATICALLY ON THE SAME FOOTING AS A STATE. AS SUCH, THE HOLY SEE IS A FULL MEMBER OF SOME UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND SOME CONFERENCES IN WHICH IT CAN ARGUE ITS MAIN POLICY AIMS.

5. THE HOLY SEE OWES ITS ORIGINAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE UN TO VATICAN CITY'S STATUS AS A SOVEREIGN INTERNATIONAL ENTITY. AS AN INTERNATIONAL ACTOR, VATICAN CITY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION EARLY ON AND WAS INVITED TO CONFERENCES AT THE UN FOR THESE SPECIALIZED PURPOSES. BUT IT IS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOLY SEE -- WHICH IS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WORLDWIDE -- AND NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF VATICAN CITY THAT PAPAL DELEGATES PARTICIPATE IN MOST UN PROCEEDINGS. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS FORMALIZED IN 1QYAQ)Q-HW.

THE HOLY SEE SENT ITS FIRST PERMANENT OBSERVER TO THE UN IN 1964.

POPE AT THE UN

6. POPE PAUL VI IN 1965 WAS THE FIRST POPE TO ADDRESS THE UN IN PERSON. HE MADE PLEAS FOR PEACE ("WAR NEVER AGAIN!") AND FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

TO THE THIRD WORLD. SINCE THEN, THE HOLY SEE HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVE WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. IN 1979, POPE JOHN PAUL II BECAME THE SECOND POPE TO SPEAK AT THE UN, ADDRESSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7. THE POPE WILL ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS OCTOBER ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN'S FOUNDING. THE POPE HAD WANTED TO VISIT THE UN IN 1994 TO HIGHLIGHT THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY, DECLARED BY THE UN IN 1994, BUT WAS PREVENTED BY HEALTH REASONS. THE PLANNED VISIT, HOWEVER, INDICATES HOW THE HOLY SEE TRIES TO WORK WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM TO SPEAK OUT ON THE GOALS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THIS CASE THAT THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY IS THE PRIMARY UNIT OF SOCIETY AND NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED AND ENCOURAGED. THIS YEAR, THE POPE WILL LIKELY FOCUS ON LIFE AND HIS OPPOSITION TO THE "CULTURE OF DEATH," EXEMPLIFIED BY WAR, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, EUTHANASIA, AND ABORTION. THESE ARE THEMES PRESENT IN THE POPE'S RECENT ENCYCLICAL (AUTHORITATIVE PAPAL DOCUMENT) "EVANGELIUM VITAE." HE WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY EXPAND UPON THE VATICAN'S POSITIONS ON THE BEIJING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (SEE BELOW).

UN CONFERENCES

8. THE VATICAN HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF ITS LIMITED DIPLOMATIC RESOURCES OVER THE PAST YEAR TO FOCUS ON THE RECENT SERIES OF UN CONFERENCES ON POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND THE UPCOMING ONE ON WOMEN. THESE CONFERENCES PROVIDE THE VATICAN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR ITS VIEWS, USUALLY DEAL WITH ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE HOLY SEE, AND GIVE THE VATICAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE ITS RESOURCES FOR THE LARGEST GAIN.

CAIRO

9. THE VATICAN GARNERED INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES (NOT ALL COMPLIMENTARY) FOR ITS WORK AT THE UN CAIRO CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN 1994. AT CAIRO, THE HOLY SEE WAS ABLE TO HAVE SOME KEY

LANGUAGE ON THE USE OF ABORTIONS CHANGED IN THE FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT THROUGH ITS PUBLIC APPEALS AND ALLIANCES WITH CATHOLIC AND MUSLIM COUNTRIES. IT ALSO HAD LANGUAGE INSERTED ON RESPECT FOR ETHICAL AND CULTURAL VALUES. THE SKILL AND TENACITY OF ITS DIPLOMATS AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS VIRTUOSITY OF ITS CHIEF SPOKESMAN -- THE SPANIARD JOAQUIN NAVARRO-VALLS, A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF THE POPE -- TOOK MANY BY SURPRISE. SOME OF THE VATICAN'S TACTICS ALSO UPSET SOME DELEGATIONS, WHO ACCUSED THE VATICAN OF TRYING TO OBSTRUCT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A FINAL CONSENSUS THROUGH DELAY, MANIPULATION OF THE CONFERENCE PROCESS, AND UNFAIR PRESSURE ON SMALL, "IMPRESSIONABLE" CATHOLIC COUNTRIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

COPENHAGEN

10. AT THUN COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN 1995, THE VATICAN PRESSED ITS VIEW THAT THE WORLD'S RICH COUNTRIES SHOULD TRANSFER RESOURCES TO THE WORLD'S POOREST TO ASSIST WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AT THE SAME TIME AS IT SOUGHT TO LIMIT WHAT IT CONSIDERS UNREASONABLE WESTERN PRESSURE ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT "FOREIGN VALUES". ALTHOUGH THIS CONFERENCE HAD A MUCH LOWER INTERNATIONAL PROFILE CONFERENCE THAN CAIRO, THE VATICAN CONTINUED AT COPENHAGEN TO PURSUE SOME OF THE SAME GOALS IT ESPOUSED AT CAIRO -- SUCH AS THE IMPORTANCE OF AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS VALUES AND THE CENTRALITY OF THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY. THE VATICAN ALSO USED IT AS A BRIDGE TO THE UPCOMING BEIJING CONFERENCE BY HIGHLIGHTING THE KEY ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING SOCIETIES.

BEIJING

11. THE HOLY SEE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR THE UN BEIJING FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN SEPTEMBER. THE POPE MADE THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN AS "PEACEMAKERS" THE THEME OF HIS NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND HE HAS DEVELOPED THEMES RELATING TO THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN HIS REGULAR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN MAJOR SPEECHES DURING HIS TRAVELS
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IN 1995. ON MAY 26, THE POPE MET WITH THE CONFERENCE'S SECRETARY GENERAL TO UNDERLINE THE VATICAN'S GOALS FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE SAME DAY, THE HOLY SEE CALLED IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO HEAR A DETAILED CRITIQUE OF THE CONFERENCE'S PLATFORM FOR ACTION PRESENTED BY SOME OF THE VATICAN'S TOP OFFICIALS. THE VATICAN'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE DOCUMENT INCLUDE: THE IMPOSITION OF A "WESTERN MODEL" OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY; THE PRESENTATION OF THE FAMILY IN A "NEGATIVE WAY"; THE PERMISSIBILITY OF ABORTION; AND THE LACK OF MENTION OF RELIGION, ALONG WITH SEVERAL TECHNICAL ISSUES. (SEE ROME 7270, 7865, 7868, AND 8607 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON VATICAN AIMS AND STRATEGY AT THE CONFERENCE.)

12. THE VATICAN CALLED IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR A SIMILAR PRESENTATION IN 1994 BEFORE THE CAIRO CONFERENCE, TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE VATICAN ATTACHED TO THE CONFERENCE. AS WITH CAIRO, THE VATICAN HAS USED THE MEDIA SHREWDLY TO ADVERTISE ITS VIEWS ON BEIJING, IN THE BELIEF THAT ITS POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY MORE PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF THE ISSUES AT STAKE AND MORE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HOLY SEE STANDS ON THEM. HENCE, THE VATICAN INVOLVEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE ON A PAR WITH ITS INVOLVEMENT IN CAIRO.

HOW THE HOLY SEE VIEWS THE UN

13. THE HOLY SEE IS A SOLID SUPPORTER OF THE UN AND THE UN SYSTEM, SEEING IT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORLD BODY BRINGING PEOPLE AND NATIONS TOGETHER THROUGH PEACEKEEPING, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION. THE HOLY SEE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK IS ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS, COMPETENT, AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED, CHOOSING CAREFULLY THE ISSUES IT CARES MOST ABOUT AND FOLLOWING THEM ASSIDUOUSLY. SIMILARLY, IT DEVOTES MUCH OF ITS DIPLOMATIC RESOURCES TO UN ISSUES LIKE THE CAIRO, COPENHAGEN, AND BEIJING CONFERENCES. IT CAN ALSO BE EFFECTIVE IN GETTING ITS WAY WITHIN THESE FORA BECAUSE THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE THOSE ABOUT WHICH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SPEAKS WITH SOME AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE FAMILY, PEACE, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR. THE HOLY SEE'S PRESENCE AND VIEWS ARE OFTEN CONTROVERSIAL AS WELL. AS A CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTION USED TO LONG-TERM RELIGIOUS AND MORAL THINKING, ITS VIEWS ARE SOMETIMES SEEN AS OUT OF LINE WITH THOSE OF MOST WESTERN STATES AND WITH MANY OF THOSE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONCERNED ABOUT IMMEDIATE POPULATION PRESSURES.

VATICAN SUCCESS IN UN FORA

14. THE HOLY SEE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT THESE UN CONFERENCES FOR SEVERAL REASONS: THE POPE'S PRESTIGIOUS "MORAL VOICE" IS LISTENED TO BY MANY WORLD LEADERS (A MASS HELD AT THE COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE BY THE POPE'S REPRESENTATIVE, HOLY SEE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO, WAS ATTENDED BY MANY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT); THE HOLY SEE DIPLOMATS AND PRESS SPOKESMAN ARE SKILLED AT GETTING ITS MESSAGE ACROSS, AND THE HOLY SEE HAS DIPLOMATS RESIDENT IN MANY COUNTRIES TO LOBBY HOST GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE; ITS MESSAGE REPRESENTS THE CONSENSUS OF THE WORLD'S CATHOLICS (THOUGH NOT ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AGREE WITH IT); AND THE VATICAN OFTEN REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, BOTH CATHOLIC AND NON-CATHOLIC, WHICH VALUE THE HOLY SEE'S OPPOSITION TO THE IMPOSITION OF A SO-CALLED "WESTERN" MODEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

15. ONE OF THE MORE ACTIVE DELEGATIONS AT THE UN, THE VATICAN IS WELL POSITIONED TO LEVERAGE ITS INFLUENCE IN THIS INTERNATIONAL ARENA. AT THE RECENT UN CONFERENCES, IT TACITLY OR OVERTLY REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OF HEAVILY CATHOLIC COUNTRIES AS WELL AS GROWING CONSTITUENCIES WITHIN LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES. WHILE WHAT THE MEDIA CALLED ITS "ALLIANCE" WITH MUSLIM STATES AT CAIRO WAS MORE TACTICAL THAN STRATEGIC -- IT LIKELY WILL NOT REAPPEAR AT BEIJING, FOR INSTANCE -- THE VATICAN WAS ABLE TO WIELD CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AT THE CAIRO PARTLY BECAUSE OF SUPPORT FROM MUSLIM COUNTRIES THERE. FINALLY, THE UN SYSTEM SUITS THE AIMS OF UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 ROME 009190

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1. SUMMARY: THE SECOND AND FINAL MEETING OF THE "GENDER" CONTACT GROUP, ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD "GENDER" IN THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOR ACTION THAT AROSE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, MET WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, CHAIRED BY THE CONFERENCE'S RAPPORTEUR, SELMA ASHIPALA OF NAMIBIA. ECOSOC AMBASSADOR VICTOR MARRERO ATTENDED, ACCOMPANIED BY G/SC SPECIAL ASSISTANT KATHLEEN HENDRIX. AS AGREED THE GROUP HAD RECEIVED A DRAFT CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON GENDER DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH SOME COUNTRIES EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE STATEMENT BUT NOT WANTING TO OBSTRUCT CONSENSUS, ALL PRESEN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GUATEMALA, ADOPTED THE STATEMENT. IT WILL APPEAR IN THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE. WHETHER THE STATEMENT WILL BE REFERENCED IN THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION BY A FOOTNOTE OR ASTERISK WAS LEFT OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE CONTACT GROUP THUS COMPLETED ITS WORK. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERM "GENDER" AS IT RELATES TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (FWCW) PLATFORM FOR ACTION HELD ITS SECOND AND FINAL MEETING MAY 31. THE CHAIR, SELMA ASHIPALA, NAMIBIA, HAD DISTRIBUTED A DRAFT CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE U.S. HAD PROPOSED THAT THE CONTACT GROUP GO IN THIS DIRECTION RATHER THAN SEEK A DEFINITION OF THE WORD GENDER. THERE HAD BEEN WIDE SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL, WITH ONLY GUATEMALA, BENIN AND ARGENTINA PREPARING A DEFINITION.

3. ALTHOUGH EARLIER VERSIONS OF A POSSIBLE STATEMENT WERE CIRCULATED TO A FEW SELECT DELEGATIONS, BY THE TIME THE DRAFT REACHED THE COMMITTEE, AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SECTION HAD BEEN OMITTED, SINCE ITS NOTION OF "SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED ROLES" GAVE SOME COUNTRIES DIFFICULTY: "(3) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION THE COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD MEANING OF THE WORD "GENDER" REFERS TO THE SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED ROLES PLAYED AND EXPECTED OF MEN AND WOMEN IN SOCIETY, AS WELL AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF MEN AND WOMEN ARISING FROM THESE SOCIAL ROLES."

4. AS PRESENTED AND AGREED ON MAY 31, THE STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS:

--DRAFT CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

--DURING THE LAST PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, AN ISSUE AROSE CONCERNING THE MEANING OF THE WORD "GENDER" IN THE CONFERENCE'S DRAFT PLATFORM FOR ACTION. IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DECIDED TO FORM A CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK, WITH THE CONFERENCE'S RAPPORTEUR, MS. SELMA ASHIPALA OF NAMIBIA, AS CHAIR. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MANDATED THE CONTACT GROUP TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON THE COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD MEANING OF "GENDER" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AND TO REPORT

DIRECTLY TO THE CONFERENCE IN BEIJING.

--HAVING CONSIDERED THE ISSUE THOROUGHLY, THE CONTACT GROUP NOTED THAT: (1) THE WORD "GENDER" HAS BEEN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 USUN NEW YORK 002600

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COMMONLY USED AND UNDERSTOOD IN ITS ORDINARY, GENERALLY ACCEPTED USAGE IN NUMEROUS OTHER UNITED NATIONS FORA AND CONFERENCES; (2) THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT ANY NEW MEANING OR CONNOTATION OF THE TERM, DIFFERENT FROM ACCEPTED PRIOR USAGE, IS INTENDED IN THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOR (SIC) ACTION.

--ACCORDINGLY, THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO REAFFIRM THAT THE WORD "GENDER" AS USED IN THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS INTENDED TO BE INTERPRETED AND UNDERSTOOD AS IT IS IN ORDINARY, GENERALLY ACCEPTED USAGE. THE CONTACT GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT THIS REPORT BE READ BY THE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE AS A CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT AND THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE PART OF THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. THE CHAIR OPENED THE MAY 31 MEETING WITH AN APOLOGY FOR THE LACK OF INTERPRETATION SERVICES AND STATED THAT THE MEETING WAS NOT OPEN TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. NGO REPRESENTATIVES WERE INVITED TO LEAVE. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT NGOS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF THE WORD "GENDER" IN THE DOCUMENT INTENDED TO SIT IN ON THE MEETING. ONE WOMAN LEFT THE ROOM UPON ASHIPALA'S INVITATION. IF OTHER NGOS WERE PRESENT, THEY REMAINED UNDETECTED.

6. THE CHAIR MENTIONED THE "EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS" THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AMONG MEMBERS SINCE THE FIRST MEETING ON MAY 15 AND THEN INVITED COMMENT ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT.

7. COMMENTARY WAS OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORABLE, WITH MOST COUNTRIES SEEMING TO SIMPLY WANT TO PUT THE MATTER BEHIND THEM. A FEW MENTIONED DISSATISFACTION WITH IT, BUT NOT OF A SUFFICIENT NATURE TO BLOCK CONSENSUS. ONLY GUATEMALA WAS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED. FRANCE, SPEAKING FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION LATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS, SUGGESTED THE MATTER WAS BEING SETTLED TOO QUICKLY, AND THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS MIGHT RESULT IN A BETTER STATEMENT, VIZ. ONE THAT RESTORED THE DELETED REFERENCE TO "SOCIALY CONSTRUCTED ROLES." THIS INTERVENTION WAS RECEIVED WITH PALPABLE DISMAY BY THE CONTACT GROUP, AND

FRANCE, ON BEHALF OF THE EU, GRACIOUSLY AND SPEEDILY RESPONDED TO THE CHAIR'S PLEA AND JOINED CONSENSUS.

8. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT:

BAHAMAS, SPEAKING FOR CARICOM AND SURINAME; THE UNITED STATES; SWAZILAND; PHILIPPINES; PANAMA; MEXICO; ECUADOR, SUGGESTING THAT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION MAKE REFERENCE TO IT IN A FOOTNOTE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT; BOTSWANA; BRAZIL; INDIA; COTE D'IVOIRE; CUBA; EGYPT, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB GROUP; KENYA; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; MALTA; NIGERIA; BENIN; THE HOLY SEE, ACCEPTED IT AS PRESENTED, BUT URGING A REFERENCE FOOTNOTE IN THE PLATFORM.

9. GUATEMALA APPRECIATED "THE HARD WORK," BUT OBJECTED TO CLAIMS MADE BY THE CHAIR AND AUSTRALIA AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING THAT GENDER HAD BEEN USED IN PAST UN CONFERENCES AND FORA OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. GUATEMALA UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 USUN NEW YORK 002600

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CLAIMED IT WAS ONLY SINCE 1991 AND WAS IN NON-LEGAL DOCUMENTS. SHE CITED THE UN CHARTER, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS, THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, AND OTHERS AS NEVER USING THE WORD GENDER. "SEX IS USED," SHE SAID, AND FOR THAT MATTER GENDER WAS RARELY USED IN THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES, THE DOCUMENT ADOPTED BY THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN 1985, AND THAT WHEN USED IN THAT DOCUMENT IT WAS "NOT IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SENSE." SHE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM THE CHAIR. THE CHAIR BRIEFLY OBSERVED THAT GENDER "IS CLEARLY THERE" IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES. AGAIN OBJECTING TO THE 200 REFERENCES TO GENDER IN THE DRAFT PLATFORM, GUATEMALA AGAIN STATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR A "CLEAR DEFINITION" AND OFFERED HER "COUNTERPROPOSAL: THAT 'GENDER REFERS TO THE EXISTENCE OF WOMEN AND MEN AS THE TWO SEXES OF HUMAN BEINGS.'"

10. FRANCE, SPEAKING FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION, EXPRESSED ITS THANKS BUT SUGGESTED THE WORK MIGHT NOT YET BE COMPLETED, THAT THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE "REAL CONSENSUS" IN THE DIRECTION PREVIOUSLY FORMULATING, "THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE "TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN." TO THE CHAIR'S REQUEST TO BE MORE EXPLICIT, FRANCE THEN SAID SOME DELEGATIONS WANTED THE REFERENCE TO "SOCIALY CONSTRUCTED ROLES," RESTORED AND THAT THIS MERITED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

11. CANADA SAID THAT IT TOO WOULD PREFER A REFERENCE TO 'SOCIOALLY CONSTRUCTED ROLES,' BUT WOULD ACCEPT THE DRAFT AS A COMPROMISE.

12. THE CHAIR CITED THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THE STATEMENT AND APPEALED TO THE EU TO GO ALONG.

13. SPEAKING FOR THE EU FRANCE STATED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN ASKING FOR PERFECTION, JUST MORE TIME TO HELP CLARIFY WHAT REMAINED UNCLEAR, BUT "IF WE CONSIDER THE TIME MIGHT NOT BE USED IN THAT DIRECTION, WE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT A LATER DATE, BUT WE WILL NOT OBSTRUCT CONSENSUS." AT THIS POINT THE CHAIR DECLARED THE STATEMENT ADOPTED.

14. THE HOLY SEE HAD EARLIER INDICATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR AN ASTERISK AT THE FIRST REFERENCE TO GENDER IN THE PLATFORM WITH A FOOTNOTE REFERRING THE READER TO THE STATEMENT. THE U.S. SUPPORTED THE HOLY SEE, BUT EGYPT, KENYA AND INDIA OBJECTED TO THE PRECEDENT IT SET AND THE IMPORTANCE IT LENT THE ISSUE. THE U.S. COUNTERED WITH THE REMINDER THAT THE FOOTNOTE "ONLY INDICATED LOCATION OF THE STATEMENT IN THE FINAL REPORT," AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN "AN IMPORTANT AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. THE TEXT SHOULD NOT BE LOST IN THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, NOR SHOULD IT BE LEFT UNRECORDED." ECUADOR AND BENIN EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS.

15. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION WHETHER THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT WOULD BE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT OR SIMPLY INCLUDED IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE. AT THE CHAIR'S REQUEST, JOHN MATTHIASON OF THE UN DIVISION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (DAW), GAVE THE SECRETARIAT'S OPINION, SAYING, "WE PREFER A REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT -- A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 USUN NEW YORK 002600

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THE DECISIONS TAKEN."

16. THE PHILIPPINES OBJECTED TO FURTHER DISCUSSION, OBSERVING THAT THE STATEMENT ITSELF CLEARLY SPELLED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE PRESENTED ORALLY BY THE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE AND THEN INCLUDED IN THE FINAL REPORT.

17. THE CHAIR AGREED WITH THE PHILIPPINES, SAID THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD FOLLOW USUAL PROCEDURES, AND ENDED THE MEETING. SOME DELEGATES LEFT THE ROOM PLEASED WITH THE DIRECTION THE CONTACT GROUP HAD TAKEN BUT UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT AN ASTERISKED REFERENCE TO THE STATEMENT

WOULD BE IN THE PLATFORM. THE U.S. WAS OF THE OPINION
THAT WOULD BE THE CASE.

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1. DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES OBJECTIONS TO THE ACCREDITATION BY ECOSOC OF SOME NGOS TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN TO BE RAISED BY DELEGATES TO ECOSOC FROM CHINA, INDIA, SYRIA, CUBA AND PERHAPS OTHER STATES (REFTEL). DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT ANOTHER DELEGATION (PERHAPS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION) WILL REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF SOME NGOS THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT HAS NOT RECOMMENDED. USDEL MAY DRAW FROM THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN SUPPORTING THE ACCREDITATION OF NGOS RECOMMENDED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

*!- THE UNITED STATES GREATLY VALUES THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT NCOS MAKE TOWARD BUILDING CIVIL SOCIETIES.

-- NGOS, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEVOTED TO WOMEN'S ISSUES, HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS' EFFORTS TO TAKE NOTE OF AND ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT.

-- THE UNITED STATES THANKS THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT FOR CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE

THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY NGOS FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAS RECOMMENDED SO MANY COMPETENT AND RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS CONTAINED IN APPENDIX 1 OF E/1995/91 HAVE MET THE CRITERIA SET OUT IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 48/108 OF 20 DECEMBER 1993 AND 49/243 OF 21 APRIL 1995.

-- THE LIST IN APPENDIX 1 CONTAINS NAMES OF COMPETENT GROUPS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE THAT APPLIED FOR ACCREDITATION IN A TIMELY MANNER. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS GROUP OF NGOS BE ACCREDITED TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE BY ECOSOC IN ITS ENTIRETY.

-- (ASSUMING THIS POINT IS RAISED BY ANOTHER DELEGATION) THERE REMAINS THE MATTER OF THOSE NGOS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. WE SUPPORT THE CALL, EXPRESSED BY ANOTHER DELEGATION, TO HAVE THE CASES OF THESE GROUPS REVIEWED.

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2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 29, AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN
THE EXTENDED BUREAU OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
(ECOSOC), THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A U.S.-ENGINEERED
PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY AMBASSADOR MARRERO TO APPROVE
FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON
WOMEN (FWCW) SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE (741) OF THE 760
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) RECOMMENDED BY
THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT AS PROPOSED IN ECOSOC
DOCUMENT E/1995/91 (REF A). THE PRESIDENT OF THE

ECOSOC ANNOUNCED THAT BECAUSE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATION OR CONCERNS ABOUT EIGHTEEN OF THE NGOS WHICH HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED, THOSE EIGHTEEN NGOS

ALONG WITH THE 267 NGOS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SECRETARIAT (AND LISTED IN ANNEX II OF E/1995/91) WERE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. SUDAN TOOK THE FLOOR TO PLACE ITS RESERVATION ON AN ADDITIONAL NGO, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NGOS REMOVED FROM THE SECRETARIAT'S POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION LIST TO NINETEEN. TO MEET USDEL DEMANDS, PRESIDENT KAMAL AGREED TO READ ALOUD THE LIST OF NGO'S WHOSE ACCREDITATION WAS PUT ASIDE AS WELL AS TO DISTRIBUTE A DOCUMENT LISTING THE NGOS SEPARATED FROM THE SECRETARIAT'S POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY BLOCKING ACCREDITATION, TO ALL DELEGATIONS ON JUNE 30. INFALS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON THE 19 NGOS AND NGO NON-RECOMMENDED "B" LIST. END SUMMARY.

3. ON JUNE 29, ECOSOC PRESIDENT KAMAL HELD A LENGTHY EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING TO DECIDE ON THE PROCESS FOR HANDLING THE NGO'S RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE FWCW. PHILIPPINES (G-77), CHINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, FRANCE (EU), EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, SPAIN, GERMANY, DENMARK, CANADA, JAPAN, NORWAY AND USDEL ATTENDED ALONG WITH ALL FOUR ECOSOC VICE PRESIDENTS (COTE D'IVOIRE, VENEZUELA, ROMANIA, GREECE.) ALL DELEGATIONS AT THE EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING AGREED TO SEPARATE OUT THE CONTENTIOUS NGO'S IN ORDER TO ACCREDIT QUICKLY THE MAJORITY OF NGO'S ON THE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION LIST (LIST A). AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, DUE PRIMARILY TO KAMAL'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW IDENTIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY OBJECTING TO EACH NGO, OR DEBATE THIS ISSUE ON THE FLOOR OF THE FORMAL ECOSOC SESSION, DELEGATIONS AGREED TO A U.S.-PROPOSED, TWO-STEP COMPROMISE PROCESS: A) HAVING KAMAL DISCLOSE IN THE FORMAL SESSION OF THE ECOSOC THE NAMES OF THE NGO'S REMOVED FROM THE LIST AND B) SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATION (BY THE MORNING OF JUNE 30) A PRESIDENTIAL NON-PAPER WHICH SPECIFICALLY PAIRS THE NGO'S IN QUESTION WITH THE COUNTRY CHALLENGING THEIR ACCREDITATION. THE PRESIDENT'S NON-PAPER (NGO'S/OPPOSING COUNTRY) WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE JUNE 30 AND KAMAL WILL BEGIN HIS CONSULTATIONS THAT DAY AS WELL. KAMAL INTENDS TO CONDUCT INFORMALS ON THE "CONTENTIOUS NGO'S" LIST AS WELL AS ON THE "B LIST" OF NGO'S THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT RECOMMEND FOR ACCREDITATION.

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DELEGATION MAKE STATEMENTS ON THE LIST WHEN HE PRESENTED IT. AT FENCE'S INSISTENCE, KAMAL RECEIVED A PROMISE FROM THE CHINESE DELEGATION THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE WOULD ASSIST NGOS WHICH BECAUSE OF THIS PROCESS MISSED THE JULY 5 DEADLINE FOR UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 GENEVA 005106

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NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL NGO'S HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED TOO
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THE PREPCOM. FURTHERMORE, USDEL AND EU HAVE ASSURED
THAT TRANSPARENCY HAS TO BE INSERTED INTO THE TREATMENT
OF THE REMAINING 19 NGO'S ON THE RECOMMENDED LIST WHICH
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SE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION) WHICH
CHINA DID NOT STOP FROM ACCREDITATION. FREEDOM HOUSE
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DECIDES TO SUPPORT IN ORDER TO ARGUE FOR THEM IN THE
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ARE ALREADY FULLY PREPARED. UTIMATELY, WE EXPECT
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NGO'S WILL BE DEADLOCKED. AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, USDEL

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1. POPE JOHN PAUL II, DURING HIS WEEKLY "ANGELUS" MESSAGE JUNE 18 DELIVERED TO A LARGE CROWD GATHERED IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE, SPOKE OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER IN BEIJING). THE EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS FOLLOWS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW.

2. (BEGIN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT): IN THE COURSE OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, ANNOUNCED BY THE UN FOR NEXT SEPTEMBER IN BEIJING, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL BE CALLED TO REFLECT ON A SERIES OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE "FEMININE" CONDITION IN OUR TIME. AT THIS MOMENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE. THE CHOSEN THEME IS IN FACT OF EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY FOR WOMEN BUT FOR THE VERY FUTURE OF THE WORLD, THAT DEPENDS NO LITTLE ON THE AWARENESS THAT WOMEN HAVE OF THEMSELVES AND THE JUST RECOGNITION THAT WOMEN SHOULD BE ASSURED. THE CHURCH THEREFORE REGARDS WITH AN OPEN MIND WHATEVER IS DONE IN THIS DIRECTION AND CONSIDERS IT A TRUE "SIGN OF THE TIMES", AS MY VENERATED PREDECESSOR JOHN XXIII PREVIOUSLY RAISED IN THE ENCYCLICAL "PACEM IN TERRIS";

A "SIGN OF THE TIMES" THAT EVINCES AN UNAVOIDABLE ASPECT OF THE FULL TRUTH OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE AWARENESS OF THE IDENTITY AND WORTH OF WOMAN HAS BEEN IN THE PAST -- AND STILL IS TODAY IN MANY CASES -- OBSCURED BY VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. OFTEN IT HAS EVEN BEEN, AND IS, PURPOSEFULLY IGNORED AND OFFENDED BY UNJUST, SOMETIMES EVEN VIOLENT, PRACTICES AND BEHAVIOURS. ALL THIS, ON THE EVE OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, IS TRULY INTOLERABLE! THE CHURCH, AS IT JOINS ITS VOICE TO THE DENUNCIATION OF ALL INJUSTICES THAT WEIGH UPON THE "FEMININE CONDITION", MEANS TO ANNOUNCE POSITIVELY "GOD'S DESIGN", THAT THERE MAY COME TO BE A RESPECTFUL AND RECEPTIVE CULTURE WHEN FACED WITH "FEMININITY."

3. AS I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO UNDERLINE MANY TIMES, IN PARTICULAR IN THE APOSTOLIC LETTER "MULIERIBUS DIGNITATEM", AT BOTTOM IN THIS NEW CULTURE THERE SHOULD BE SET AN AFFIRMATION OF THE DIGNITY OF WOMAN, INASMUCH AS SHE IS, LIKE MAN AND WITH MAN, A PERSON OR CREATURE MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD; A CREATURE GIFTED WITH SUBJECTIVITY THAT IS A SOURCE OF RESPONSIBLE SELF-RULE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HER OWN LIFE. SUCH SUBJECTIVITY, FAR FROM ISOLATING PEOPLE AND SETTING THEM IN OPPOSITION, IS ON THE CONTRARY A SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS AND FINDS ITS FULFILLMENT IN LOVE. WOMAN, NO LESS THAN MAN, IS REALIZED FULLY IN THE SINCERE GIFT OF SELF. THIS SUBJECTIVITY IS FOR WOMAN THE FOUNDATION OF A SPECIFIC MODE OF BEING, A "FEMININE BEING" -- ENRICHING, INDEED, INDISPENSABLE FOR, A HARMONIOUS HUMAN SOCIETY, AS MUCH WITHIN THE FAMILY AS IN OTHER SOCIAL SPHERES AND EXISTENCES (END INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION).

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RE: BEIJING CONFERENCE NGO ACCREDITATIONS

1. THIS IS ECOSOC CABLE NO. 3.

2. ON JUNE 27, ECOSOC PRESIDENT KAMAL BEGAN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS ON THE MECHANISM AND TIMEFRAME TO BE USED FOR DETERMINING WHICH OF THE REMAINING NGOS REVIEWED BY THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ACCREDITED TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. KAMAL MET WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION TROIKA (FRANCE, SPAIN & GERMANY) TOGETHER WITH USDEL FOR THIS FIRST OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS. AMBASSADOR MARRERO LED USDEL AT THE MEETING, ACCOMPANIED BY ECOSOC MINISTER COUNSELLOR JOHN BLANEY AND ECONOMIC ADVISER BISA WILLIAMS-MANIGAULT (NOTETAKER).

3. IN RESPONSE TO KAMAL'S QUERY, AMBASSADOR MARRERO REVIEWED THE PROCESS USED AT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE ECOSOC SHOULD MAINTAIN THE SAME CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR THIS NGO REVIEW PROCESS. HE ASSERTED THAT THE NGOS ON THE SECRETARIAT'S "A LIST" HAVE A PRIMA FACIE DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THEY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY ESTABLISHED BY THE CONFERENCE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND ENDORSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE CONTINUED THAT DELEGATIONS CHALLENGING NGOS ON THE "A LIST" BEAR THE BURDEN OF PROVING WHY THE NGOS SHOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE.

4. AMB. MARRERO NOTED THAT NGOS IDENTIFIED AS

CONTENTIOUS ON THE "A LIST" COULD BE DEFERRED (SO THAT POSITIVE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN ON THE REMAINDER OF THE LIST) BUT NOT PLACED ON THE SECRETARIAT'S "B LIST" (NOT RECOMMENDED) .

5. FRANCE CONCURRED FULLY WITH THE USG POSITION. FRENCH COUNSELLOR DELACROIX SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF FULLY IDENTIFYING THE CONTENTIOUS NGOS EARLY SO THAT 95% OF THE "A LIST" COULD BE APPROVED IMMEDIATELY. DELACROIX, ENCOURAGED KAMAL TO USE AN "INFORMAL, TRANSPARENT AND OPEN-ENDED" PROCESS UNDER KAMAL'S AUTHORITY. THE EU BELIEVED IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSOC PRESIDENT TO BE PERCEIVED AS FIRMLY BEHIND THE PROCESS. THE EU ALSO DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA SHOULD DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY BY NOT IMPOSING THE JULY 5 REGISTRATION DEADLINE ON NGOS SUBJECT TO THE ECOSOC PROCESS.

6. KAMAL'S RESPONSE TO THESE INTERVENTIONS WAS TO OPINE OPENLY THAT AN "ADDITIONAL" CRITERION FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE THE "ABILITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY TO BE AT EASE." HE RECOMMENDED THAT DELEGATIONS AGREE TO SET ASIDE THE 5 NGOS AT ISSUE FOR CHINA IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 12 REMAINING CONTESTED NGOS AND A MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF THE "B LIST" NGOS BEING ACCREDITED TO THE CONFERENCE. HE INSISTED THAT HIS AIM WAS TO AVOID A "BLOODY" BATTLE IN THE ECOSOC BY ATTEMPTING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CHINESE NGOS EARLY. HE INSISTED ALSO THAT HIS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHINA (30 YEARS) LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOC WILL NEVER ALLOW THE 5 CHINESE-CONTESTED NGOS INTO CHINA SO DELEGATIONS SHOULD NOT FORCE THE ISSUE.

7. AMB. MARRERO REMINDED KAMAL OF THE PRINCIPLE THE UN ADOPTED IN A COMPARABLE SITUATION. THE UN DECIDED ON PRINCIPLE THAT IT WOULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE A HOST COUNTRY'S POLITICAL OBJECTIONS AND INVITED PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT TO A MEETING IN N.Y. WHEN THE USG REFUSED TO ISSUE ARAFAT A VISA TO ENTER THE U.S., THE UN, IGNORING STRONG U.S. OBJECTIONS, MOVED THE VENUE OF THE MEETING TO GENEVA. MARRERO SUGGESTED TO KAMAL THAT THE ECOSOC PRESIDENT FOLLOW THE SAME PRINCIPLE OF OBJECTIVITY AND UPHOLD UN PRACTICES WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WITHOUT SPECIAL DEFERENCE TO HOST COUNTRY DOMESTIC CONCERNS. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO LIMIT THIS PRIVILEGE TO JUST THE HOST COUNTRY, BUT WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO RIDE ON THE COATTAILS, AS HE HAD INDICATED HIMSELF THAT IRAN, IRAQ AND A FEW OTHER STATES WERE DOING FOLLOWING CHINA'S LEAD IN THIS INSTANCE BY CHALLENGING THE ACCREDITATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF CERTAIN NGOS. AMBASSADOR MARRERO ADDED THAT TO GIVE IN TO THE DEMANDS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND REFUSE ACCREDITATION TO ANY GROUP THEY OBJECT TO COULD CREATE A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. IT WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF ALLOWING THEM UNILATERALLY TO ASSERT AND EXERCISE A VETO POWER AND TO SUPERIMPOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL OVERLAY ON TOP OF THE OFFICIAL CRITERIA FOR

ACCREDITATION COLLECTIVELY AGREED TO AND SET FORTH IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, WHICH IS BINDING ON ALL MEMBERS. MOREOVER, IT WOULD ENABLE A SINGLE STATE ON ITS OWN MOTION TO OVERTURN AN OBJECTIVE FINDING OF THE SECRETARIAT THAT A PARTICULAR GROUP DID OR DID NOT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 GENEVA 005146

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SATISFY THE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES, A DETERMINATION THAT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY RATHER THAN ONLY ONE OBJECTOR.

8. THE EU SUPPORTED THE U.S. AND KAMAL INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO CONSIDER OPTIONS.

9. GERMANY, IN ITS NATIONAL CAPACITY, SUPPORTED THE BASIC PRINCIPLE BEHIND THE SECRETARIAT'S "A LIST". GERMANY TOOK ISSUE WITH THE "B LIST", HOWEVER, SINCE ONE GERMAN NGO WHICH GERMANY CONSIDERS WORTHY OF ACCREDITATION APPEARS ON THE "B LIST". THE GERMAN POSITION IS THAT THE "B LIST" NGOS SHOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION.

10. KAMAL, VISIBLY PERTURBED AT THE US/EU POSITION, ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR A "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIR" GROUP. USDEL SUGGESTED HE SEEK DELEGATIONS CONNECTED WITH PAST UN CONFERENCES, SPECIFICALLY EGYPT, DENMARK, CHILE AND BRAZIL IN ADDITION TO THE EU, US, PHILIPPINES, CHINA, AND INTERESTED-PARTY DELEGATIONS. KAMAL SAID HE HAD IN MIND A "FRIENDS" GROUP CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF THE DELEGATIONS OBJECTING TO THE ACCREDITATION AND THOSE SUPPORTING THEM. AMB. MARRERO SAID THE USDEL WOULD OPPOSE THAT COURSE BECAUSE IN THIS CASE IT WOULD PIT CHINA, IRAN, IRAQ, CUBA AND A FEW OTHERS OF THAT MODE AGAINST THE U.S./E.U., GIVING THE FORMER DISPROPORTIONATE RECOGNITION AND WEIGHT ON AN ISSUE OF SIGNIFICANT PRINCIPLE AND PRECEDENT.

11. ON JUNE 28 AMB. KAMAL CALLED AMB. MARRERO FOR A ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATION. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO CONVEY THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S./E.U. HE SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAD REACTED HARSHLY TO THE U.S./E.U. POSITION, THAT THEY REPEATED THERE WAS NO WAY THEY WOULD ACCEPT THE ACCREDITATION OR PARTICIPATION IN BEIJING OF THE FIVE GROUPS TO WHICH THEY OBJECTED. KAMAL ADDED THAT WHEN HE POINTED OUT THAT THE STANDS OF THE TWO SIDES AT THE MOMENT COULD RESULT IN AN OPEN CONFRONTATION ON THE FLOOR OF THE COUNCIL, THE CHINESE REACTION WAS: "IF THE AMERICANS WANT AN OPEN CONFRONTATION, THEY WILL GET ONE. WE ARE READY FOR IT. BUT THEY WILL BE

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES AND WILL HAVE TO
ACCEPT THEM." SPIEGEL
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