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1. PER REF (A), DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR USE AT THE INFORMAL OSCE MEETING ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA FEBRUARY 4.

GENDER ACTION PLAN

2. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE INITIATIVE COMMENDABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WOULD CALL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS BY ODIHR OR OTHER OSCE INSTITUTIONS TO ASSIST PARTICIPATING STATES IN COMPLYING WITH THEIR OSCE COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE FULL EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY WOMEN. MISSION SHOULD INSIST THAT ANY ACTION PLAN FOCUS ON SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS AND BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN EXISTING OSCE

COMMITMENTS. DEPARTMENT FAVORS A STRONG EMPHASIS ON GENDER TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

3. LAST NOVEMBER IN THE CHARTER FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE PARTICIPATING STATES COMMITTED TO ADDRESS THREE SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS OF WOMEN: VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, AND TRAFFICKING. THESE SPECIFIC ISSUES SHOULD THEREFORE BE THE FOCUS OF THE OSCE ACTION PLAN ON GENDER ISSUES:

(A) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE: NGO REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE ARE WIDESPREAD AND GROSSLY

UNDERREPORTED INCIDENCES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE OSCE HAS NOT YET BECOME ENGAGED ON THESE ISSUES IN ANY SIGNIFICANT MEASURE. WHILE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MAY ALREADY HAVE INITIATIVES UNDERWAY IN OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES IN THIS AREA, THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE PROBLEMS AND MULTIFACETED APPROACH REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES ARE SUCH THAT ADDITIONAL EFFORTS ARE NEEDED.

(B) DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX: WOMEN IN MANY OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPERIENCE BLATANT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SEX IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING, HOUSING, PUBLIC PLACES, OR IN ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES. CURTAILING SUCH DISCRIMINATION WOULD BE A CRITICAL STEP TOWARD ENSURING FULL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN. DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF NONDISCRIMINATION LANGUAGE IN THE CONSTITUTIONS OF MANY COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION, WOMEN CONTINUE TO FACE DISCRIMINATION WITHOUT AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR LEGAL REDRESS. IN COOPERATION WITH PARTICIPATING STATES, ODIHR COULD PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE REFORM ASSISTANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE AND ENFORCEABLE LEGAL REMEDIES TO SUCH DISCRIMINATION. OSCE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW IT CAN ENHANCE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND EMPHASIZE GENDER-SENSITIVE EDUCATION AS A WAY OF BECOMING AWARE OF AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES.

(C) TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN: THE OSCE GENDER ACTION PLAN SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE PRIORITY THAT PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE RECENTLY PLACED ON COMBATING THE TRAFFIC IN HUMAN BEINGS. TO REFLECT CLEARLY THE FULL EXTENT OF OSCE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN, THE ACTION PLAN SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ODIHR, CONSISTENT WITH ITS INDEPENDENT MANDATE, HAS PREPARED A SEPARATE ACTION PLAN CONTAINING DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS IN WHICH PARTICIPATING STATES CAN

FULFILL THEIR OSCE COMMITMENTS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING AND SUGGESTING WAYS FOR ODIHR AND OTHER OSCE INSTITUTIONS TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THIS SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN.

4. MISSION SHOULD FOLLOW GENERAL GUIDANCE IN REF (C) ON THE DRAFT GENDER ACTION PLAN. POSSIBLE LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN THE PLAN COULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

-- ODIHR IS ENCOURAGED, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS EXISTING RESOURCES, TO DEVELOP PROJECT MODELS FOR THE USE OF OSCE MISSIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, IN THEIR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO NGOS TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, SEX DISCRIMINATION, AND TRAFFICKING.

-- ODIHR WILL UNDERTAKE, THROUGH ITS RULE OF LAW PROGRAM, TO ASSIST PARTICIPATING STATES IN DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE AND ENFORCEABLE LEGAL REMEDIES TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN OR MEN ON THE BASIS OF SEX, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DISCRIMINATION IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING, HOUSING, PUBLIC PLACES, OR IN ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

-- IN ORDER TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS FACING WOMEN IN OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES, ODIHR WILL CONDUCT A SIDE-MEETING AT THE YEAR 2000 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW MEETING CONCERNING AN OSCE COMMITMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN, SUCH AS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

-- THE COORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONSIDER ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST PARTICIPATING STATES IN DEVELOPING MEASURES TO ENSURE FULL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR, WOMEN'S ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

BEIJING PLUS FIVE

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5. THE USG SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE OSCE'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE 1995'S FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING. THE USG HOPES THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

-- A CELEBRATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

-- A HIGHLIGHT OF ACHIEVEMENTS MADE WORLDWIDE AS A RESULT OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

-- A BRIEF DESCRIPTION BY ALL DELEGATIONS OF BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED.

-- THE IDENTIFICATION OF FURTHER ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES NEEDED TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

-- THE IDENTIFICATION OF TOOLS OR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES THAT COULD ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM, E.G. GENDER MAINSTREAMING, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, ETC.

-- THE ADOPTION OF A SHORT VISIONARY DECLARATION REAFFIRMING WORLDWIDE COMMITMENT TO THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

-- HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION BY ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

-- THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF CONCRETE COMMITMENTS (OR ACTIONS) INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS PLAN TO TAKE TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

-- PARTICIPATION OF NGOS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, ON OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS.

-- PARTICIPATION BY ACCREDITED NGOS IN BEIJING PLUS FIVE AND A RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NGOS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

-- INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE CONFERENCING OF BEIJING PLUS FIVE TO EXPAND THE LINK WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NGOS WORLDWIDE.
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GOCR REQUESTS SUPPORT
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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 5.

2. POST RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DGPE-SPM-DC 0087-01-2000 FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICA'S CANDIDACY FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, SUBSIDIARY AGENCY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC), IN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN LIMA, PERU, ON FEBRUARY 8-10, 2000. EMBASSY HAS RESPONDED TO THE GOCR THAT THE NOTE WAS BEING FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR DUE CONSIDERATION.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE DIPLOMATIC NOTE: "I HAVE THE HONOR, YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA HAS DECIDED TO PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN WOMAN, SUBSIDIARY AGENCY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC), IN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN LIMA, PERU, ON FEBRUARY 8-10, 2000

IN ORDER TO ADAPT TO WORLD ECONOMIC CHANGES, COSTA RICA, LIKE OTHER LATIN AMERICA COUNTRIES, IS UNDERGOING AN IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION PROCESS. COSTA RICA'S PREOCCUPATION FOR SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING MEANINGFUL ADVANCES CONCERNING EQUITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION HAS PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION FOR ITS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEXES AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE PARALLELS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS AND THE COMMITMENTS AND LEGAL INSTRUMENTS THAT DERIVE FROM THEM, AS WELL AS THE JURIDICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCES OF THE FEMALE POPULATION, ARE APPARENT TO COSTA RICA. THESE ADVANCES ARE ALSO LINKED TO THE DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS RAISED BY WOMEN IN CIVIL SOCIETY, AND THEY EXPRESS A RICH FRAMEWORK OF RELATIONS PRONE TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF ACHIEVED VICTORIES.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE FOREGOING IS THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WOMEN, WHICH GOVERNS PUBLIC POLICIES FOR EQUITY BETWEEN GENDERS, AND THE PROGRESS OF WOMEN. UNDER THIS LAW, FOR THE FIRST TIME A MINISTER OF THE CONDITION OF WOMEN HAS BEEN APPOINTED, TO RAISE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE DECISION-MAKING INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE CONSIDERATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES RELATED TO GENDER ISSUES, THUS ACCOMPLISHING ONE OF THE BASIC GOALS OF THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA CONSIDERS THAT INTEGRATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN OF THE ECLAC WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING THAT AGENCY THROUGH THE FORMULATION AND SUPPORT OF POLICIES FOR GENDER EQUALITY, IN COORDINATION WITH THE RULING INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA, GOVERNMENT INSTANCES THAT DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN, AND EXISTING SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

BY VIRTUE OF THE FOREGOING MENTIONED, I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE UNITED STATES FOR THE VALUABLE SUPPORT THAT MIGHT GIVE TO COSTA RICA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN OF THE ECLAC.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
END OF TEXT.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD A COPY OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE BY FACSIMILE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF KATHLEEN HAMANN, DESK OFFICER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING APPROPRIATE EMBASSY RESPONSE TO THE GOCR.

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1. THIS TELEGRAM HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH M/P(SEP). WE REGRET THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSLATED TALKING POINTS, BUT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DO SO IN FUTURE DEMARCHE REQUESTS.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE PARAS 20-21.

SUMMARY

3. A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 5-9, 2000, WILL CONDUCT A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THIS REVIEW, KNOWN AS WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5, WILL BE A MAJOR EVENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE USG AS A WHOLE.

4. THE UN WILL CONVENE A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING (PREPCOM), MARCH 3-17, IN NEW YORK, TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON A DRAFT POLITICAL DECLARATION AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON A DOCUMENT THAT WILL ADDRESS ACHIEVEMENTS, OBSTACLES, NEW CHALLENGES, TRENDS, AND KEY FUTURE ACTIONS. BOTH THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADOPTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION.

5. IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE PREPCOM, THE UN WILL CONVENE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF

WOMEN, FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2, WHERE THE UNITED STATES WILL INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN.

6. BOTH MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE USG. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO MEET WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO GATHER SUPPORT FOR USG OBJECTIVES FOR THE PREPCOM AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CSW.

BACKGROUND

7. A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 5-9, 2000, WILL CONDUCT A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THIS REVIEW, KNOWN AS WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5, WILL BE A MAJOR EVENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE USG AS A WHOLE.

8. IN PREPARATION FOR WOMEN 2000, THE UN HAS CONVENED REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS (IN ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK, BEIRUT, GENEVA, AND LIMA) AND PREPARATORY MEETINGS IN NEW YORK ORGANIZED BY THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW).

9. THE NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK, MARCH 3-17. ITS PURPOSE WILL BE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON A DRAFT POLITICAL DECLARATION AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON WHAT IS BEING CALLED AN "OUTCOME DOCUMENT," I.E. A DOCUMENT THAT WILL ADDRESS ACHIEVEMENTS, OBSTACLES, NEW CHALLENGES, TRENDS, AND KEY FUTURE ACTIONS. POSTS ARE INVITED TO CHECK THE UN WEBSITE (WWW.UN.ORG/WOMENWATCH/DAW/CoON WOMEN HAD SUPPORT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, WITH SECRETARY ALBRIGHT (THEN UN AMBASSADOR) HEADING THE U.S. DELEGATION, AND FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON SERVING AS HONORARY CHAIR. U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ARE RECEIVING SIMILAR HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION AND SUPPORT.

11. THE U.S. BELIEVES THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
- A CELEBRATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION.
- A HIGHLIGHT OF ACHIEVEMENTS MADE WORLDWIDE AS A RESULT OF THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.
- A SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED.
- THE ADOPTION OF A CONCISE FORWARD-LOOKING, ACTION-ORIENTED DOCUMENT, THAT IDENTIFIES FURTHER ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES NEEDED TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION WITH SPECIFIC BENCHMARKS AND TIME-BOUND TARGETS.
- HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION BY ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.
- PARTICIPATION OF NGOS, INCLUDING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES, ON OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS.
- PARTICIPATION BY NGOS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION AND A RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NGOS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

12. REGARDING THE UPCOMING PREPCOM, THE OVERALL USG OBJECTIVE FOR THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT IS THAT IT BE CONCISE, FORWARD-LOOKING AND ACTION-ORIENTED AND THAT IT CONTAIN SPECIFIC BENCHMARKS AND TIME-BOUND TARGETS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

13. SPECIFICALLY, WE WANT THE DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN; WOMEN AS VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICT AS WELL AS WOMEN'S ROLE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACE-BUILDING; WOMEN'S FULL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION; THE NEEDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OLDER WOMEN; GIRLS' ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY; AND A REAFFIRMATION OF THE ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN THE ICPD&5 REVIEW RELATED TO THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

14. THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED TO THE UN SECRETARIAT SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A NEW DRAFT CONTAINING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENTS, WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE PREPCOM NEGOTIATIONS.

15. IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSTANCE OF BEIJING&5, THE USG IS INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENTS' PARTICIPATION. WE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS AND THAT THEY WILL INCLUDE NGO REPRESENTATIVES AND YOUTH ON THEIR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS.

NGO PARTICIPATION

16. LAST YEAR, IT WAS DECIDED THAT N xS.
HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN GETTING UN MEMBER STATES TO AGREE TO THE ACCREDITATION OF NEW NGOS. THE NEW ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED EARLY IN THE PREPCOM AND TO APPEAR ON THE UN'S WEBSITE SOON THEREAFTER.

17. A KEY BUT UNKNOWN FACTOR AFFECTING OUR HOST-COUNTRY PREPARATIONS IS THE NUMBER OF NGOS WHO WILL GO TO NEW YORK FOR BEIJING&5. ESTIMATES RANGE FROM 5,000 TO 20,000.

OTHER IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS - COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

18. IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE BEIJING&5 PREPCOM, THE UN WILL CONVENE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2. DURING THIS MEETING, THE UNITED STATES WILL INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN. THIS RESOLUTION WILL FOLLOW-UP ON THE RESOLUTION THE UNITED STATES INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH 56 CO-SPONSORS.

19. ALL UN MEMBERS (NOT JUST CSW MEMBERS) CAN CO-SPONSOR CSW RESOLUTIONS. PARAGRAPHS 24 AND 25 CONTAIN THE DRAFT TEXT AND A LIST OF LAST YEAR'S CO-SPONSORS.

ACTION REQUESTED

20. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO MEET WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM THEM OF U.S. OBJECTIVES AND TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE BEIJING&5 PREPCOM AS WELL AS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN; TO GIVE THEM A COPY OF THE DRAFT U.S. RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN (TEXT IN PARA 24) AND TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP; TO FIND OUT THEIR INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING PREPCOM AND CSW; TO ASK WHO WILL HEAD THEIR DELEGATIONS TO THE MARCH PREPCOM AND THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION IN JUNE; AND TO ASK HOW MANY NGOS FROM THEIR COUNTRY ARE LIKELY TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.

21. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ON HOST GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSES. PLEASE REPLY TO STATE (IO AND S/PICW) AND TO USUN NEW YORK, WITH AN INFO COPY TO GENEVA. PLEASE USE THE KWMN AND SOCI TAG.

TALKING POINTS

22. SPECIAL NOTE FOR OTTAWA, OSLO, CANBERRA, TOKYO, WELLINGTON, AND BERN: AT THE CSW AND VERY LIKELY THE PREPCOM, WE COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENTS IN A GROUPING CALLED "JUSCANZ" (ESSENTIALLY THE NON-EU DONOR COUNTRIES), AND OFTEN NEGOTIATE THROUGH ONE INTERLOCUTOR. THIS YEAR'S JUSCANZ COORDINATOR IS CANADA. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THIS IMPORTANT COORDINATING MECHANISM WHEN SHARING THE TALKING POINTS.

23. FOLLOWING ARE THE TALKING POINTS.

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-- WE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS WLL SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS AND THAT THEY WIL INCLUDE NGO REPRESENTATIVES AND YOUTH ON THEIR FFICIAL DELEGATIONS. CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US WH WILL LEAD YOUR DELEGATION TO THE MARCH PREPCOM AD THE SPECIAL SESSION IN JUNE, AND WHETHER YOUR FFICIAL DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE NGO REPRESENTATIES AND YOUTH.

-- WE WOULD BE INTERESTED I A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF NGOS FROM YOUR COUNTRY LIKELY TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.

-- FROM FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 2, THE UN WILL CONVENE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. AT THIS MEETING, THE UNITED STATES WILL INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN. IT FOLLOWS-UP ON THE RESOLUTION THE UNITED STATES INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH 56 CO-SPONSORS. ALL UN MEMBERS (NOT JUST CSW MEMBERS) ARE PERMITTED TO CO-SPONSOR CSW RESOLUTIONS, AND WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP.

U.S. RESOLUTION ON "THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN"

24. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN.

BEGIN QUOTE:

SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

GUIDED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER

CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW,

RECALLING THAT AFGHANISTAN IS A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, THE CONVENTION ON THE

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, AND THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR, AND THAT IT HAS SIGNED THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINIATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN,

DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN, IN PARTICULAR IN AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT, AS DOCUMENTED BY THE CONTINUED AND SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS OF GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS, INCLUDING ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM, SUCH AS RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, TO MANY LEVELS AND TYPES OF EDUCATION, TO EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE THE HOME AND, AT TIMES TO HUMANITARIAN AID, AS WELL AS RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT,

WELCOMING THE ONGOING WORK OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN, IN PARTICULAR HIS SPECIAL FOCUS ON VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS, ESPECIALLY IN TERRITORIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TALIBAN FACTION,

NOTING WITH CONCERN THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF THESE HARMFUL CONDITIONS ON THE WELL-BEING OF AFGHAN WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE,

WELCOMING THE INTER-AGENCY GENDER MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN IN NOVEMBER 1997, CONDUCTED BY THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON GENDER ISSUES AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE MISSION AND HOPING THAT THE MISSION WILL SERVE AS A MODEL FOR FUTURE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE GENDER DIMENSIONS OF CRISIS/CONFLICT SITUATIONS,

EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT OF AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF AFGHANISTAN, BEING SUPPORTIVE OF THE WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN WHO PROTEST VIOLATIONS OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ENCOURAGING WOMEN AND MEN WORLDWIDE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR SITUATION AND TO PROMOTE THE IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF THEIR ABILITY TO ENJOY THEIR HUMAN

RIGHTS,

CONDEMNS THE CONTINUING GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS, INCLUDING ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM, IN ALL AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TALIBAN;

ALSO CONDEMNS THE RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND THE SYSTEMATIC VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN, INCLUDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TO EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE THEIR HOME, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, AND FREEDOM FROM INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE, WHICH HAS A SERIOUS DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE WELL-BEING OF AFGHAN WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARES;

URGES THE TALIBAN AND OTHER AFGHAN PARTIES TO RECOGNIZE, PROTECT, PROMOTE AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER, ETHNICITY OR RELIGION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS, AND TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW;

URGES ALL THE AFGHAN PARTIES, IN PARTICULAR THE TALIBAN, TO BRING TO AN END WITHOUT DELAY ALL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS AND TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO ENSURE:

--THE REPEAL OF ALL LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MEASURES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH IMPEDE THE REALIZATION OF ALL THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS;
--THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN CIVIL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY;
--RESPECT FOR THE EQUAL RIGHT OF WOMEN TO WORK AND THEIR REINTEGRATION IN EMPLOYMENT;
--THE EQUAL RIGHT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS TO EDUCATION WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, THE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS AND THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS TO ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION;
--RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO SECURITY OF PERSON AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON WOMEN ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE;
--RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR WOMEN;
--RESPECT FOR WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EFFECTIVE AND EQUAL ACCESS TO FACILITIES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHT TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH;

ENCOURAGES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DONORS

TO ENSURE THAT ALL UNITED NATIONS-ASSISTED PROGRAMMES IN AFGHANISTAN ARE FORMULATED AND COORDINATED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THOSE PROGRAMMES AND THAT WOMEN BENEFIT EQUALLY WITH MEN FROM SUCH PROGRAMMES;

APPEALS TO ALL STATES AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR AFGHANISTAN, IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-

DISCRIMINATION, INTEGRATES A GENDER PERSPECTIVE, AND ACTIVELY ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE THE PARTICIPATION OF BOTH WOMEN AND MEN AND TO PROMOTE PEACE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS;

URGES STATES TO CONTINUE TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO MAINTAIN A GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR POLICIES AND ACTIONS RELATED TO AFGHANISTAN;

WELCOMES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITIONS OF GENDER ADVISER AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISER AT THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR FOR AFGHANISTAN, IN ORDER TO ENSURE MORE EFFECTIVE CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER CONCERNS INTO ALL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES WITHIN AFGHANISTAN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE INTER-AGENCY GENDER MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN CONDUCTED BY THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON GENDER ISSUES AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN NOVEMBER 1997;

NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE VISIT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ITS CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO HER CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS;

URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT ALL UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN ARE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS, AND THAT A GENDER PERSPECTIVE AND SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE FULLY INCORPORATED INTO THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN, INCLUDING THE TRAINING AND SELECTION OF STAFF,

AND THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY, PEACEMAKING AND PEACEKEEPING;

STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND FULLY INCORPORATING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN HIS WORK;

APPEALS TO STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTER-AGENCY GENDER MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON GENDER ISSUES AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN;

URGES ALL AFGHAN FACTIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE TALIBAN, TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF ALL UNITED NATIONS AND HUMANITARIAN WORKERS IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO ALLOW THEM, REGARDLESS OF GENDER, TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK UNHINDERED.

END QUOTE.

1999 CO-SPONSORS

25. 56 COUNTRIES CO-SPONSORED THE 1999 CSW RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, COTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FINLAND, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, KYRGYZSTAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYSIA, MONGOLIA, NEPAL, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PARAGUAY, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND VENEZUELA.

CSW MEMBER STATES

26. THE CSW HAS 45 MEMBER STATES: BELGIUM, BENIN, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, DENMARK, DPRK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GHANA, INDIA, IRAN, ITALY,

JAPAN, KYRGYZSTAN, LESOTHO, LITHUANIA, MALAYSIA, MALAWI, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, PARAGUAY, PERU, POLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RWANDA, SANTA LUCIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, THAILAND, TURKEY, UGANDA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES.
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1. SUMMARY: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LI SANGU TOLD POLOFF MARCH 2 THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHARED MANY U.S. OBJECTIVES FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5. AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, HOWEVER, CHINA WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE G-77 ON SPECIFIC PRIORITIES. LI SAID SHE WOULD FORWARD THE U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN TO THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ALONG WITH THE U.S. REQUEST THAT CHINA CO-SPONSOR. END SUMMARY.

2. POLOFF PRESENTED REFTEL DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICER LI SANGU MARCH 2, THE FIRST DAY LI WAS AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THE DEMARCHE. LI HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ASSIGNMENT AT THE CHINESE PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK, WHERE SHE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR BASKET THREE ISSUES, INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE BEIJING&5 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

HIGH HOPES FOR WOMEN 2000 SPECIAL SESSION
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3. LI SAID THE 1995 BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HAD BEEN VERY IMPORTANT BUT THAT FOLLOW-UP WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT; HER GOVERNMENT THUS HAD HIGH HOPES FOR THE WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5 SPECIAL SESSION IN JUNE 2000.

LI SAID SHE THOUGHT HER GOVERNMENT, LIKE MOST OTHERS, AGREED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD REAFFIRM THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION, PRODUCE AN ACTION-ORIENTED DOCUMENT, AND DISCUSS FURTHER INITIATIVES DEMANDED BY NEW REALITIES.

ROLE OF NGO'S -- SINO-U.S. DIFFERENCES MANAGEABLE

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4. REGARDING THE ROLE OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION, LI SAID THAT U.S. AND CHINESE VIEWS WERE NOT YET IDENTICAL, BUT THEY WERE CLOSE, WITH MUCH COMMON GROUND. SHE EXPECTED THAT THE U.S. AND CHINESE DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES DURING THE MARCH 3-17 PREPARATORY MEETING.

CHINA WILL STRESS DEVELOPING COUNTRY PRIORITIES

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5. LI TOOK NOTE OF THE PARTICULAR ISSUES THE U.S. HAD CITED AS PRIORITIES, SUCH AS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND WOMEN IN CONFLICT. SHE OBSERVED THAT THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION HAD LISTED 12 AREAS OF CRITICAL CONCERN BUT DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE DIFFERENT EMPHASES. IN PRIORITIZING WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHINA TOOK THE VIEW OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, PLACING HIGHEST EMPHASIS ON SUCH AREAS AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH CARE. SHE ADDED THAT CHINA WOULD COORDINATE ITS VIEWS WITH THE G-77.

FEW DETAILS ON DELEGATION

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6. LI LACKED DETAILS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING. SHE SAID THE CHINESE DEPUTY PERMREP WOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION AND THAT THE ALL-CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION WOULD REPRESENT CHINESE NGO'S. (NOTE: THE ALL-CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS AN OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED "MASS ORGANIZATION" THAT RELIES ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING.)

WILL PASS ON CSW AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION

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7. REGARDING THE U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN, LI UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THE TEXT AND THE U.S. REQUEST FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP TO NEW YORK. SHE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WAS ABOUT TO START ITS FINAL DAY OF MEETINGS. MARTIN

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SUMMARY
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1. REFTEL DEMARCHE ON PREPARATIONS FOR BEIJING&5 AND COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) WAS DELIVERED TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MULTILATERAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS ARTURO DUARTE ON FEBRUARY 29. REFTEL TALKING POINTS AND TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN WERE FORWARDED TO DUARTE FEBRUARY 28. DUARTE WAS WELL-PREPARED TO ANSWER QUERIES OF REFTEL PARA 20. END SUMMARY

DELEGATION HEADS
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2. DUARTE SAID THE GUATEMALAN DELEGATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CSW (FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2) AND TO THE BEIJING&5 PREPCOM (MARCH 3 - 17) WOULD BE HEADED BY GUATEMALA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ROSENTHAL "BARRING ANY SUDDEN CHANGE DUE TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION." NOTE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT ALFONSO PORTILLO, WHICH TOOK OFFICE ON JANUARY 14, 2000, HAS APPOINTED SOME NEW AMBASSADORS TO KEY DIPLOMATIC POSTS. END NOTE. DUARTE SAID THE DELEGATION TO THE MARCH PREPCOM "MIGHT BE AUGMENTED DURING THE SECOND WEEK (MARCH 13 - 17) DEPENDING ON HOW THE AGENDA DEVELOPS AND ON FUNDING AVAILABLE." DUARTE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT PERSONNEL FROM THE MFA MIGHT

TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE PREPCOM. COMMENT: HE PROBABLY HAD HIMSELF IN MIND. END COMMENT.

3. DUARTE SAID HE BELIEVED GUATEMALA'S NEW FIRST LADY, EVELYN MORATAYA, "COULD BE INTERESTED IN LEADING OUR DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION IN JUNE." DUARTE CAUTIONED THAT "THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN NOW COMMIT TO HER PARTICIPATION." HE ADDED HOWEVER, THAT THE VENUE AND SUBJECT MADE FOR AN "EXCEEDINGLY ATTRACTIVE OCCASION" FOR SHOWCASING GUATEMALA'S NEW FIRST LADY. DUARTE POINTED OUT THAT THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS PASSED A RESOLUTION LAST WEEK CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT TO ESTABLISH A WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. DUARTE SAID THAT, IF THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE UP-AND-RUNNING BY JUNE, IT WOULD BE TAKING THE LEAD WITH RESPECT TO GUATEMALA'S PARTICIPATION IN JUNE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. NOTE: AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 28, MIRIAM ALVARADO, PRESIDENT OF A VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION, THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S OFFICE (ONAM), LAMENTED THAT CONGRESS HAD BURIED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE CREATED AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY TASKED WITH BETTERING THE SITUATION OF WOMEN, AND INSTEAD, HAD PASSED THIS NON-BINDING, "RUNAROUND" RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ENTITY RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT. END NOTE.

NGO PARTICIPATION

4. DUARTE SAID THAT "ONLY TWO NGO'S HAVE CONTACTED US" WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THE SPECIAL SESSION. THESE NGO'S ARE "THE BEIJING COMMITTEE" AND "TIERRA VIVA." NOTE: "THE BEIJING COMMITTEE" IS A SMALL ORGANIZATION FORMED AFTER THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING AND DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE AGENDA ADOPTED THERE. "TIERRA VIVA" IS A FEMINIST ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FOUNDED IN 1988 TO MILITATE AGAINST WHAT ITS FOUNDERS CALL "THE OPPRESSION AND SUBORDINATION WE LIVE EVERY DAY AS GUATEMALAN WOMEN." "TIERRA VIVA" RUNS A RESOURCE CENTER IN GUATEMALA CITY THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. END NOTE. DUARTE SAID HE WASN'T SURE IF THESE NGO'S, AND OTHERS THAT MIGHT VOICE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING, WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE GUATEMALAN DELEGATION OR WOULD BE PARTICIPATING INDEPENDENTLY.

SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

5. DUARTE SAID HE COULD THINK OF "NO REASON WHY WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION" ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN. TOUCHING ON GUATEMALA'S INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THESE MEETINGS, DUARTE SAID THAT "WE ARE PART OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AND WE PLAN TO MANIFEST THAT BY SUPPORTING THE VALUES IMPLICIT IN THE RESOLUTION."

COMMENT

6. IN THE RUN-UP TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, WE WILL INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF WOMEN'S ISSUES HERE. WE WILL BE STRESSING TO ALL RELEVANT INTERLOCUTORS THAT PROCLAIMING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONS THAT EFFECTIVELY SAFEGUARD THEM ARE PART OF COMPLEX SET OF PRACTICES THAT INCLUDES SIMILAR

ACTION ON LABOR RIGHTS AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. WE WILL BE STRESSING THAT A KEY CHARACTERISTIC OF COUNTRIES THAT ACHIEVE PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY, SECURED RIGHTS AND INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY IS THAT THEY MAKE A CREDIBLE EFFORT IN ALL THESE AREAS. THE RECENTLY BEGUN USAID PROJECT FOCUSSED ON COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS A CONCRETE EXAMPLE
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OF THIS MISSION'S PRO-ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN 2000:BEIJING&5 AGENDA. END COMMENT.

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1. SUMMARY: AT A RECENT BRIEFING FOR WEOG LIAISONS WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (W.H.O.), SENIOR SECRETARIAT STAFF ADVISED THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (DG) WANTS TO RATCHET UP HEALTH ON THE GLOBAL AGENDA, WITH A CURRENT FOCUS ON BEIJING PLUS 5 AND COPENHAGEN PLUS 5. THIS CABLE ADDRESSES BEIJING PLUS 5, WITH A FOCUS ON W.H.O.'S PROPOSALS FOR THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT. W.H.O. HAS DONE A REMARKABLE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED OUTCOME DOCUMENT, SUGGESTING MANY IMPROVEMENTS, RANGING FROM ISSUES CONCERNED WITH WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS, RAPE AS A WEAPON OF WAR, WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS, WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS. MISSION FINDS LITTLE TO DISAGREE WITH AND, PROBABLY, MUCH THAT COULD BE DRAW UPON AND SUPPORTED BY U.S. DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AT A FEBRUARY 15 BRIEFING OF WEOG COUNTRY LIAISONS WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (W.H.O.) DR. TOMRIS TURMEN, SENIOR ADVISER (WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES) TO W.H.O. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ADVISED THAT DR.BRUNDTLAND WISHES TO RATCHET UP HEALTH IN THE DIALOGUE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON "WOMEN 2000: GENDER EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY." DR. TURMEN, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY W.H..'S NEW FOCAL POINT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH, DR. A. NAFSIAH MBOI, SAID THAT WOMEN'S HEALTH HAD TAKEN A TEP BACK DURING THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CAIRO AD BEIJING MEETINGS, RATHER THAN MOVING FORWARD. SE SAID W.H.O. WANTS TO TRY TO GAIN GROUND AT THEUN SPECIAL SESSION. TOWARD THAT END, W.H.O. HAD CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE PROPOSED OUTCOME DOCUMENT (UN DOC E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.1)

3. MISSION'S HEALTH ATTACHE HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF THE W.H.O.'S SECRETARIAT'S "REVISED INFORMAL COMMENTS" ON THE PROPOSED OUTCOME DOCUMENT. THESE WERE SUBMITTED ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 25 TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT ARE BEING FORWARDED TO:IO/T (ANN BLACKWOOD) FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION IN DEPARTMENT, HHS (DAVID HOHMAN), AND USAID (RIGGS-PERLA).

HIGHLIGHTS OF W.H.O. INPUT FOR OUTCOME DOCUMENT

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4. W.H.O.'S ANALYSIS OF AND COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT WERE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRINCIPAL SUGGESTIONS:

5. SECTION II ON "ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBSTACLES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 12 CRITICAL AREAS OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION:"

A. WOMEN AND POVERTY:

-- THERE IS NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S POOR ARE WOMEN.

-- THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS SHOULD BE NOTED.

-- THE INCREASING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MUTUALLY INTERACTIVE NATURE OF HEAL
ASSESSMENT "OF MANY ISSUES RELATED TO WOMEN AND POVERTY" SHOULD BE CITED.

B. EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WOMEN.

-- BIAS IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, CURRICULA AND IN THE CLASSROOM SHOULD BE CITED.

-- SEX-SEGREGATED OCCUPATIONAL STEREOTYPING OCCURS IN FAMILIES, NOT JUST SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.

C. WOMEN AND HEALTH:

-- UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS," REDUCTION IN MATERNAL MORTALITY SHOULD BE DELETED. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO DOCUMENTED GLOBAL REDUCTION IN MATERNAL MORTALITY. THIS IS MISLEADING.

-- UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS," "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NEED TO GIVE"
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INCREASED ATTENTION TO "SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI'S) "INCLUDING" HIV/AIDS AMONG WOMEN AND "GIRLS" SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

-- UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS," "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NEED TO GIVE" INCREASING ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

-- UNDER "OBSTACLES," ADD TWO KEY CONCEPTS: (1) GENDER DISCRIMINATION CONTINUES TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INFORMATION AND COUNSELING. (2) IN MANY COUNTRIES, CONTINUED WEAKNESS OF HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCING HAS SIGNIFICANTLY OBSTRUCTED PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCTION IN MATERNAL MORTALITY, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF STI'S INCLUDING HIV/AIDS, AND SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF BREAST, CERVICAL AND OVARIAN CANCERS.

D. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

-- PARAGRAPH 10, UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS" A SUGGESTED ADDITION IS: "THE SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR WOMEN WORKING IN SOLIDARITY GROUPS FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND TO PROMOTE PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED."

-- PARAGRAPH 11, UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS:

----- "WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME GROWTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AS AN IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM, THE GLOBAL PATTERN IS STILL EXTREMELY UNEVEN. ACTION IS EVEN LESS WIDE-SPREAD. MILLIONS OF WOMEN IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY, THE COMMUNITY, AND IN THE CONTEXT OF ARMED CONFLICT. PUBLIC RESPONSE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE."

----- "THE STRENGTH OF TRADITION AND CULTURE COMBINED WITH LIMITED (DELETE: LACK OF) UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN "...HAVE PROVED MAJOR OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICY, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS ALREADY IN PLACE AS WELL AS BROADER BASED SOCIETAL CHANGES."

------ "...CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS ARE WEAK IN MANY COUNTRIES, WHILE PREVENTION STRATEGIES "GENERALLY REMAIN" REACTIVE AND FRAGMENTED "AMONG SECTORS RATHER THAN WORKING AS APPROPRIATE IN ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON A COORDINATED, MULTI-PRONGED BASIS WITH SOCIAL, LEGAL, MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND OTHER COMPONENTS AS NEEDED."

-- NEW LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:

"THERE IS INSUFFICIENT AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY AND ITS SOCIAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS AS A FREQUENT CAUSE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. THE INTER-GENERATIONAL IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN HAS RECEIVED IN ADEQUATE ATTENTION. THE LONG AND SHORT-TERM NEED FOR HEALTH SERVICE AND SUPPORT OF GIRL CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FAMILY OR SETTINGS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND REFUGEE CAMPS HAVE RARELY BEEN ATTENDED TO."

E. WOMEN IN ARMED CONFLICT:

-- PARAGRAPH 13 UNDER "OBSTACLES:" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE ADD THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE WORDS "...THE TARGETING OF CIVILIANS," "IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF VIOLENCE, INCLUDING MASS RAPE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND THREATS OF SUCH ACTION ... "HAS HAD DISASTROUS SHORT- AND LONG-TERM IMPACT ON THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF" WOMEN AND GIRLS. "HEALTH SERVICES, ESPECIALLY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES ARE STILL INADEQUATE, ESPECIALLY TO CONTROL THE WIDESPREAD SEXUAL VIOLENCE."

-- PARAGRAPH 13, ADD AN ADDITIONAL SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "IN SOME AREAS, CHILDREN (BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS) CONTINUE TO BE RECRUITED OR FORCED TO BE PART OF ARMED FORCES PLACING THEM AT GREAT RISK OF A RANGE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS WITH LIFE-LONG IMPACT."

F. WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY:
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--- PARAGRAPH 14, UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS" ADD THE FOLLOWING:

"CONSIDERABLE WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON MACROECONOMIC POLICY AND WOMEN ENCOURAGING A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH 'WOMEN'S BUDGETS' REFLECTING SPECIAL GENDER-BASED NEEDS AND

PRIORITIES. IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE LINK BETWEEN HEALTH AND MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY, THIS IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, FACILITATING EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES."

--- PARAGRAPH 15 UNDER "OBSTACLES" ADD THE FOLLOWING:

"LITTLE ANALYSIS HAS NEITHER BEEN DONE ON THE GENDER-SPECIFIC SHORT- AND LONG-TERM HEALTH RISKS AND POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS RELATED TO WORK-RELATED ILLNESS AND DISABILITY NOR HAVE THE INTER GENERATIONAL ASPECTS BEEN ADEQUATELY EXAMINED."

G. WOMEN IN POWER AND DECISION-MAKING:

-- PARAGRAPH 17 UNDER "OBSTACLES." W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE FIRST SENTENCE BE ENHANCED AS FOLLOWS:

"DESPITE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEED TO WORK TO IMPROVE GENDER BALANCE AT ALL LEVELS IN GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACIES AND PUBLIC DECISION-MAKING BODIES, THE HISTORIC GAP BETWEEN DE JURE AND DE FACTO EQUALITY HAS PERSISTED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY DAMAGING AND HAS NEGATIVE EFFECTS IN FIELDS HEAVILY DOMINATED BY WOMEN, SUCH AS THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE."

H. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN:

-- PARAGRAPH 19 UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS BE ADDED:

"ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPORTS NOTE THE GAP BETWEEN POLICY AND EFFECTIVE WORKING OF INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, NONETHELESS, POLITICAL WILL SEEMS LACKING IN MANY PLACES. RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE FOR EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF DESIGN, CONTENT AND STAFFING OF ALL PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY PROGRAMS INTENDED TO PROMOTE ADVANCEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN CONTINUE TO BE INADEQUATE."

I. HUMAN RIGHTS:

-- PARAGRAPH 21 UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING AS AN ADDITION TO THE FIRST SENTENCE:

"MANY GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT YET CARRIED OUT FULL AND EFFECTIVE REVIEWS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO IDENTIFY AND CHANGE OR ELIMINATE THOSE NOT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES, IN PARTICULAR THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW), WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY RATIFIED."

"AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, INCLUDING HER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS, AS A HUMAN RIGHT CONTINUES TO BE WEAK AND UNEVEN."

J. WOMEN AND THE MEDIA:

-- PARAGRAPH 23 UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITION:

"THERE IS INSqTBaRGETED APPEAL OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY ENCOURAGING YOUNG WOMEN TO TAKE UP AND CONTINUE SMOKING, ALTHOUGH OFTEN NOTED, IS EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED IN ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES."

K. WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

-- PARAGRAPH 24 UNDER "ACHIEVEMENTS," W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITION:

"VALUABLE WORK HAS BEEN INITIATED IN RECENT YEARS, ESTABLISHING THE LINKAGES BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES."
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-- PARAGRAPH 25 UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:

"PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO AGREEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STANDARDS, WHICH ARE GENDER-SENSITIVE, HAS BEEN VERY UNEVEN."

"THERE HAS PROVED TO BE INADEQUATE CAPACITY TO ENFORCE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS (INCLUDING GOOD GENDER-APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS), WITH THE RESULT THAT A HIGH PROPORTION OF WOMEN, PARTICULARLY POOR WOMEN IN THE THIRD WORLD AND ELSEWHERE, ARE WORKING IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR HEALTH AS WELL AS OFTEN HAVING NEGATIVE HEALTH IMPACTS ON THEIR BABIES, WOMB AND HOME."

"WOMEN CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF INADEQUATE BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THE OPPORTUNITY COSTS ARE HIGH. THEY EXPERIENCE ILL HEALTH THEMSELVES, AND HIGH DEMANDS ARE MADE UPON THEM FOR CARE OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCING ILL HEALTH."

"GENDER DIFFERENCES IN THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES NEED FURTHER RESEARCH AND RAPID, EFFECTIVE ACTION TO IMPROVE PROTECTION AND TREATMENT."

L. THE GIRL CHILD:

-- PARAGRAPH 27 UNDER "OBSTACLES," W.H.O. RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING REFORMULATION OF THE SECOND SENTENCE AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW SENTENCE:

"PROGRAMS WERE FLAWED IN DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION BY A LACK OF ADEQUATE AND TIMELY FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES, STATISTICAL DATE DISAGGREGATED BY SEX AND AGE AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY. ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL, APPROPRIATE, GENDER- AND AGE-SENSITIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION, CARE, AND SUPPORT CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY INADEQUATE AND OUT OF REACH FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS, WITH POTENTIAL LIFE-LONG NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE GIRLS CONCERNED."

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5. SECTION III ON "NEW CHALLENGES AND TRENDS AFFECTING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION."

-- PARAGRAPH 31 - W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO THE SECOND SENTENCE:

"TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ONLY IF WE ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS, ADEQUATE TRAINING AND TAKE OTHER MEASURES SO THAT THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES BENEFIT THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST. NEW TECHNOLOGIES SHOULD BE HARNESSED TO MEET WOMEN'S HEALTH NEEDS, INCLUDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NEEDS, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF, INTER ALIA, MICROBICIDES, STI DIAGNOSTICS, AND SINGLE-DOSE TREATMENT FOR STI'S."

--PARAGRAPH 37 - W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS BE INCLUDED:

"THE PROGRESSION OF THE HIV/AIDS AND STI PANDEMICS ACROSS THE WORLD HAS HAD A STRONG IMPACT ON WOMEN. WOMEN ARE BIOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY MORE VULNERABLE THAN MEN TO STI, INCLUDING HIV, INFECTION.

"ANOTHER EMERGING PANDEMIC IS THE RISING EPIDEMIC OF TOBACCO USE AMONG WOMEN, PARTICULARLY YOUNG WOMEN. OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS, TOBACCO-RELATED DEATHS AMONG WOMEN WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE. THESE ARE ALL PREVENTABLE.

-- PARAGRAPH 41 - W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING REFORMULATION:

"THE ICPD AND FWCW COMMITMENTS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUITY AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN, INCLUDING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS HAS MADE CLEAR THAT WOMEN AND MEN MUST WORK TOGETHER TO REALIZE GENDER EQUALITY." IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, W.H.O RECOMMENDS THAT THE LANGUAGE REGARDING "REASSESSMENT OF GENDER ROLES" COULD BE TROUBLESOME AND SUGGESTS THAT IT BE DELETED.
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6. SECTION IV ON "MEASURES, ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND TO ADDRESS NEW CHALLENGES AND TRENDS IN THE FULL AND ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION."

A. GENDER EQUALITY:

-- PARAGRAPH 42 ON "GENDER QUALITY." W.H.O. COMMENTS THAT: "ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE AND ENJOYMENT OF FULL MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ARE PREREQUISITES TO AND REFLECTIONS OF FULL GENDER EQUALITY."

-- PARAGRAPH 44. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE ADDED:

"ACHIEVEMENT OF FULL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, THROUGH PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND ADVANCE IF HEALTH, IS A BASIC REQUIREMENT IF WOMEN ARE TO ACHIEVE AND ENJOY FULL GENDER EQUALITY."

-- PARAGRAPH 45. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE LAST SENTENCE READ AS FOLLOWS:

"WOMEN AND MEN BOTH NEED TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND BENEFIT IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY."

B. UNDER "GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO:"

-- PARAGRAPH 46 ADD OR INSERT THE FOLLOWING:

"ESTABLISH A CLEAR POLICY GUARANTEEING ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE, GENDER-SENSITIVE, WOMAN-FRIENDLY, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FO+]E OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IPCD PLUS FIVE DOCUMENT, UN DOC A/S-21/5/ADD.1) WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFERING BY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES OF THE WIDEST AVAILABLE RANGE OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING AND CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS; ESSENTIAL OBSTETRIC CARE; PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE TRACT INFECTIONS, INCLUDING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS; AND BARRIER METHODS (SUCH A MALE AND FEMALE CONDOMS AND MICROBICIDES IF AVAILABLE) TO PREVENT INFECTION (PARA. 53); CLOSING THE GAP IN CONTRACEPTIVE USE (PARA 58); REDUCTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY (PARA 64); PRESENCE OF SKILLED ATTENDANTS AT BIRTH (PARA 64); ACCESS BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND SERVICES TO REDUCE THEIR VULNERABILITY TO HIV

INFECTION (PARA 70); ARE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DELAY."

"TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, DEVELOP ND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, AND PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE SERVICES DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN OF ALL AGES, INCLUDING OLDER WOMEN, CAN FULLY REALIZE THEIR HUMAN RIGHT TO A HEALTHY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE LIFE, FREE OF COERCION, DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE; AND, IN PARTICULAR, ENSURE THAT BY 2005, AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF ALL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC NEEDS, CONDITIONS AND RISK FACTORS OF WOMEN OF ALL AGES IN THIS RESPECT."

C. UNDER "FURTHER ACTIONS AT THE LEGAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENDER EQUALITY:"

-- PARAGRAPH 49 UNDER "GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO," W.H.O. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO "C":

"...TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY AND FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE 'CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD,' THE CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN 'AND ALL OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES STIPULATING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. THE REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS."

-- W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT LANGUAGE REFERRING TO "FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AND HONOR CRIMES BE ADDED AS VIOLATIONS OF WOMENS' HUMAN RIGHTS.
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D. UNDER "FURTHER ACTIONS AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENDER EQUALITY:"

-- PARAGRAPH 54, W.H.O. SUGGESTS ADDING BETWEEN "B" AND "C" THE FOLLOWING:

"ELABORATE PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE FULL GENDER-SENSITIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH POLICY AIMED AT PROVIDING APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN ACROSS THE LIFE-SPAN."

E. UNDER "FURTHER ACTIONS AT THE POLICY LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE

GOAL OF GENDER-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT:"

-- PARAGRAPH 64. W.H.O. RECOMMENDS THAT THE CURRENT PARAGRAPH BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

"ENSURE THAT THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THEIR NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED WOMEN BY PREVENTING THEIR MARGINALIZATION IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND DEVISING MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THEY GAIN ACCESS TO AND CONTROL OVER ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND DISPARITY;"

-- PARAGRAPH 64. W.H.O. RECOMMENDS THAT THE FOLLOWING NEW POINTS BE ADDED:

"ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ENSURE ACCESS BY WOMEN AND GIRLS TO THE RANGE OF BASIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDED FOR NORMAL DEVELOPMENT AND A DECENT LIFE NEEDED TO MAKE POSSIBLE FULL, EFFECTIVE, AND RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE."

"GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY IN POLICY AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SECTOR REFORM, TO DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING ACCESS, IN FULL RESPECT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY, TO COMPREHENSIVE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION; AND, SELECT KEY TECHNOLOGIES TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S HEALTH NEEDS ARE MET THOUGHT THE LIFE-CYCLE, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO ADOLESCENTS; FOR EXAMPLE WOMEN-CONTROLLED METHODS TO PREVENT STI'S INCLUDING HIV/AIDS, SUCH AS MICROBICIDES AND FEMALE CONDOMS; SIMPLE LOW-COST DIAGNOSIS FOR CERVICAL CANCER; ESSENTIAL OBSTETRIC CARE AND EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINES FOR THE TREATMENT OF STI'S INCLUDING HIV/AIDS AND THEIR SYMPTOMS."

F. UNDER "FURTHER ACTIONS AT THE LEGAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENDER-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT:"

-- PARAGRAPH 67. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT LANGUAGE B ADDED TO PART "E" ON THE "RISING EPIDEMIC OF TOACCO USE AMONG WOMEN AND YOUTH" AND NEW KNOWLEDG "TO HELP ENSURE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGING."

- PARAGRAPH 67. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT REFERENCES BE ADED, FOLLOWING THE WORK "POLYGAMY" O "MALE PROMISCUITY, MALE REFUSAL TO USE CONDOMS, AND FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION...THAT VIOLATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN..."

G. UNDER "FURTHER ACTIONS AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENDER-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT:"

-- PARAGRAPH 69. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CHANGES/ADDITIONS BE MADE:

----- IN "D" INCLUDE REFERENCE TO "CESSATION PROGRAMS OF TOBACCO USE FOR FATHERS AND MOTHERS."

----- IN "E" THAT THE WORDS "...THAT ENSURE ALL WOMEN'S FULL

AND EQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING THE FULL RANGE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES..." BE ADDED AFTER THE WORDS "HEALTH SECTOR REFORM INITIATIVES."

----- IN "F" INCLUDE REFERENCE TO TOBACCO AND DRUGS.

G. UNDER "FURTHER ACTION AT THE PROGRAM LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENDER-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT:"

-- PARAGRAPH 71: W.H.O. SUGGESTS ADDITION OF A NEW POINT AS FOLLOWS:
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"SUPPORT ALL COMMUNITY-BASED AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND WOMEN, PARTICULARLY PREGNANT WOMEN, FROM PASSIVE SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND IN THE HOME."

H. UNDER "PEACE:"

-- PARAGRAPH 82. EDIT "E" TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"ENHANCE EXISTING AND DEVELOP FURTHER MECHANISMS TO ENSURE ACCESS TO EDUCATION, SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO REFUGEES, INCLUDING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS." W.H.O. NOTES THAT THIS LANGUAGE IS FROM PARA 24A OF THE ICPD PLUS FIVE DOCUMENT:

-- PARAGRAPH 86. W.H.O. SUGGESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED AS ITEM "H:"

"ENACT AND IMPLEMENT LEGISLATION AND PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOP AND UNDERTAKE EDUCATION AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF ALL PERSONNEL PROVIDING HEALTH, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER SERVICES TO GIRLS AND WOMEN; AND, WORK IN A CONCERTED MANNER TO PREVENT INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT, INJURY, ATTACKS OR THREATS TO THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF SUCH PERSONNEL."

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7. WE FIND LITTLE TO DISAGREE WITH W.H.O.'S SUGGESTIONS FOR EDITING/REFORMULATIONS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS IN THE PROPOSED OUTCOME DOCUMENT. W.H.O. HAS PROVIDED A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE THAT COVERS: WOMEN, GIRLS, OLDER WOMEN, PREGNANT

WOMEN, REFUGEES, AND WORKING WOMEN. THE COMMENTS ALSO ADDRESS IMPORTANT HEALTH ISSUES (BOTH DISEASES AND RISKS) THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE NEEDED TO BUILD ON, ENHANCE EARLIER DOCUMENTS SO NOT O LOSE FURTHER GROUND. THESE INCLUDE HIV/AIDS, TD'S, MATERNAL MORTALITY, MENTAL HEALTH, VIOLENCE, FGM, HONOR CRIMES, SMOKING, ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDSEXPOSURES, AMONG OTHERS.

8. WHILE SOME OF W.H.O.'S SUGGESTED ADDITIONS INCLUDE SEEMINGLY OVERLONG SENTENCES, THE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS ARE IMPORANT AND WILL, WE BELIEVE, BE HELPFUL TO THE U.S.DELEGATION IN ITS THINKING, NOT ONLY ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT, BUT THE BROADER CONTNT OF THE EVENT.
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1. ON MARCH 6 AMBASSADOR YATES, ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOFF, PAID HER INITIAL CALL ON THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL ACTION AND WOMEN, ROMAINE NDORIMANA. THE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED REF DEMARCHE ON USG PRIORITIES FOR THE MARCH 3-17 PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM ADOPTED AT THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THE MINISTER SAID SHE AND A DELEGATION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE SPECIAL SESSION.

2. ON MARCH 8 ECONOFF MET WITH NDORIMANA. THE MINISTER REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 6 BURUNDI HAD SENT A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL ACTION AND WOMEN, GAUDENCE RWAMHEKE, AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH, JEAN RIRANGIRA, TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW YORK.

3. NDORIMANA SAID THE GOB SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE THE GOALS OUTLINED IN THE DEMARCHE. SHE SAID, HOWEVER, IT WAS STILL EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND THAT SHE WOULD WAIT FOR A REPORT FROM THE GOB'S DELEGATION TO THE PREPCOM UPON THEIR RETURN TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE GOB'S POSITION.

4. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD BE TRAVELING TO NEW YORK HERSELF TO LEAD THE GOB'S DELEGATION DURING THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION IN JUNE. SHE SAID RWAMAHEKE AND RIRANGIRA WOULD ACCOMPANY HER. SHE INDICATED THAT SEVERAL FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ALSO ATTEND. NDORIMANA SAID THAT TWO TO THREE WOMEN REPRESENTING NGOS AND ONE OR TWO YOUTH REPRSENTATING NGOS MIGHT ALSO ATTEND.

THE MINISTER SAID SHE COULD NOT BE SURE BECAUSE FUNDING
HAD TO BE FOUND FIRST.
YATES

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REFS: (A) STATE 40884 (B) STATE 34370

1. PER REFS INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR PROVIDED PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER SAID MUSA AND MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LAWRENCE SYLVESTER SECRETARY'S LETTER ON THE YEAR 2000 REVIEW CONFERENCE (REVCON) ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) AND POINTS PERTAINING TO THE UNGA REVIEW OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5." AT THE TIME, BELIZE WAS ENGROSSED IN THE WORSENING SITUATION ALONG THE BORDER WITH GUATEMALA. SYLVESTER SAID MARCH 20 THAT BELIZE IS STILL FOCUSED ON RELATIONS WITH GUATEMALA AND HOPES THE UNITED STATES WILL BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. ASKED FOR SPECIFICS BY POL/ECON CHIEF, HE EXPLAINED BELIZE HAS PROPOSED TO GUATEMALA THAT BOTH

SIDES AGREE TO THE FORMATION OF A PANEL OF EMINENT INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOLARS/EXPERTS WHO WILL INVESTIGATE EACH PARTY'S CLAIMS. IN PARTICULAR, THE PANEL WILL BE TASKED TO ASSESS THE MERITS OF THE 1859 ANGLO-GUATEMALAN TREATY WHICH ESTABLISHED THE PRESENT-DAY BORDER. ITS RULING WOULD BE A QTE NON-BINDING JURIDICAL ASSESSMENT UNQTE. SYLVESTER INDICATED BELIZE'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES JAMES MURPHY WOULD SOON PITCH THE PROPOSAL TO OFFICIALS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. AS FOR NPT, SYLVESTER RESPONDED THAT BELIZE WILL CERTAINLY SUPPORT ITS INDEFINITE EXTENSION. HE ADDED THAT BELIZE WILL JOIN OTHER NAN DELEGATIONS IN ENCOURAGING INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND ISRAEL TO SIGN THE NPT AND THUS LESSEN THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT. IN HIS VIEW, THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "SOOTHING NOISES" AND GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY NPT SIGNATORIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, TO PERSUADE THESE THREE COUNTRIES THAT SIGNING THE NPT IS IN THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BEIJING&5, SYLVESTER FRANKLY ADMITTED BELIZE HAS NOT SPENT MUCH TIME PREPARING FOR THE JUNE 5-9 REVIEW AND IS STILL TAKING STOCK OF THE USG PROPOSAL ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN. SYLVESTER DID EMPHASIZE THAT ONE OF THE GOB'S LEADING WOMEN, MINISTER OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, WOMEN, AND CIVIL SOCIETY DOLORES BALDERAMOS-GARCIA, WILL LEAD THE BELIZEAN DELEGATION TO THE UPCOMING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON WOMEN.

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REF: A. SECSTATE 28907
B. MANILA 1199

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS URGENT ACTION FOR MANILA. PLEASE NOTE ACTION REQUEST IN PARA 5. ULAANBAATAR, PLEASE NOTE PARAS 2-3. OTHER POSTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR INFO ONLY.

2. PA/PI/OBS/P IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM MANILA AS AN INTERACTIVE POST IN SUBJECT EANET DIALOGUE WITH THERESA LOAR, CAROL BELLAMY AND NOELEEN HEYZER TO DISCUSS ASIA REGIONAL INITIATIVE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. WE WELCOME ULAANBAATAR AS A PASSIVE POST IN THE PROGRAM. WASHINGTON PANEL BIOS FOLLOW IN PARAS 6-8.

3. THE PROGRAM WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN ENGLISH ONLY VIA ASIASAT AND DOS-TV DIGITAL VIRTUAL CHANNEL 340 ON AOR, EUTELSAT, IOR AND SOUTHNET.

4.THE FORMAT OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
-- PROGRAM BEGINS WITH WORLDNET LOGO
-- VIDEOTAPE ROLL-IN WITH A MONTAGE OF PICTURES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (1:00)
-- PROGRAM INTRODUCTION BY THE HOST WELCOMING MANILA AND PASSIVE ULAANBAATAR
-- INTRODUCTION OF VIDEOTAPED REMARAKS BY U.S. SEC. STATE ALBRIGHT
-- VIDEOTAPED REMARKS BY SEC. ALBRIGHT
-- HOST INTRODUCES WASHINGTON PANEL AND INVITES BRIEF REMARKS
-- BRIEF REMARKS BY GUESTS

-- HOST INTRODUCES MANILA PANEL PARTICIPANTS
-- PANEL DISCUSSION BEGINS
-- MS. BELLAMY DEPARTS (0145)
-- PANEL DISCUSSION CONTINUES
-- HOST PREPARES TO CLOSE PROGRAM, INVITES CLOSING REMARKS FROM WASHINGTON PANEL
-- CLOSING REMARKS BY WASHINGTON PANEL
-- HOST CLOSES PROGRAM, THANKS MANILA AND ULAANBAATAR
-- PROGRAM ENDS WITH WORLDNET LOGO

5. ACTION REQUEST FOR MANILA: PLEASE FORWARD NAMES (AND BIOS IF POSSIBLE) OF MANILA PANELISTS. ALSO URGENTLY NEEDED ARE PROGRAM, COORDINATION AND BACK UP NUMBERS. ULAANBAATAR PLEASE FORWARD NAMES OF IMPORTANT VIEWERS (IF AVAILABLE). PROGRAM OFFICER IS ROBYN MONBLATT, TELEPHONE 202 401-8496, E-MAIL RMONBLAT#IBB.GOV, FAX 202 401-8270. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR STUDIO 48 ARE 202-205-9059, 202-205-9020, 202-205-9023. PLEASE CONTACT STUDIO 48 IF MANILA IS NOT CONNECTED WITH WASHINGTON ON PROGRAM AND COOD LINES BY 0030UTC ON MARCH 29 (1930EST MARCH 28).

6. THERESA LOAR BIO - THERESA A. LOAR , DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PRESIDENT CLINTON APPOINTED THERESA LOAR AS SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN JULY 1996. HER MANDATE IS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONALLY THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND TO ENCOURAGE FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, HELD IN BEIJING IN SEPTEMBER 1995.

MS. LOAR ALSO SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN. PRESIDENT CLINTON ESTABLISHED THE COUNCIL TO COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT BEIJING. MS. LOAR SERVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE COUNCIL FROM 1995-1996. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND DIRECTED ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

MS. LOAR WAS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FROM 1986 TO 1996 AND WAS AWARDED SUPERIOR AND MERITORIOUS HONOR AWARDS. SHE SERVED ABROAD IN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN MEXICO AND KOREA. PRIOR TO HER WORK ON THE UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, SHE WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE TIMOTHY WIRTH.

FROM 1980-1986, MS. LOAR WORKED IN ADVERTISING IN NEW YORK CITY DIRECTING NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS "WHERE'S THE BEEF?" FOR WENDY'S INTERNATIONAL. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE FOUNDED AND MANAGED A SMALL BUSINESS, FLEMINGTON COUNTRY COOKIES. MS. LOAR IS A GRADUATE OF RUTGERS COLLEGE IN NEW JERSEY.

7. CAROL BELLAMY BIO - CAROL BELLAMY ASSUMED OFFICE AS THE FOURTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF), WITH THE RANK OF UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL, ON 1 MAY 1995. IN SEPTEMBER 1999, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANNOUNCED MS. BELLAMY'S REAPPOINTMENT TO A SECOND TERM EFFECTIVE MAY
2000-APRIL 2005. IN HER SECOND TERM MS. BELLAMY WILL

CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF ALL CHILDREN AND TO FOCUS GLOBAL ATTENTION ON THE EMERGING CHALLENGES OF HIV/AIDS, INCREASING CONFLICT AND POVERTY.

AT THE START OF HER FIRST TERM, MS BELLAMY'S PRIORITIES WERE TO MODERNIZE AND STREAMLINE UNICEF SO THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK FOR CHILDREN WOULD BE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND FOCUSED. THIS PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDED A COMPREHENSIVE RESTRUCTURING, HAS LED TO STRENGTHENED DECENTRALIZATION AND MANAGEMENT WHICH HAS ENHANCED UNICEF'S CAPACITY TO WORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AS ENSHRINED IN THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. UNICEF HAS ALSO REINFORCED ITS CAPACITY TO ASSIST NATIONAL PARTNERS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT WERE SET BY THE 1990 WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN. THESE GOALS COVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE CARE OF CHILDREN WORLD WIDE, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION AND OF PROTECTION FROM NEGLECT, ABUSE AND WANT.

MS. BELLAMY HAS PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN SURVIVE AND DEVELOP AND THAT EVEN THE MOST DISADVANTAGED ENJOY THEIR RIGHT TO A BASIC QUALITY EDUCATION. SHE HAS ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRONG PROTECTION MEASURES FOR CHILDREN IN AREAS OF CONFLICT, AGAINST ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATIVE CHILD WORK.

PRIOR TO JOINING UNICEF, MS. BELLAMY WAS DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS. SHE WAS THE FIRST RETURNED VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS HEAD OF THE PEACE CORPS, (SHE SERVED IN GUATEMALA FROM 1963-1965), A SERVICE ORGANIZATION WITH 7,000 VOLUNTEERS IN MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES.

MS. BELLAMY HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN LAW AND FINANCE. SHE SERVED AS A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BEAR STEARNS & CO. FROM 1990 TO 1993. SHE WAS A PRINCIPAL AT MORGAN STANLEY AND CO. FROM 1986 TO 1990 AND WORKED AS AN ASSOCIATE AT CRAVATH, SWAINE AND MOORE FROM 1968-1971.

8. NOELEEN HEYZER BIO - NOELEEN HEYZER TOOK UP HER POST AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN (UNIFEM) IN 1994. BRINGING 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT WORK, SOCIAL JUSTICE, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS, DR. HEYZER HAS LED AN ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PROCESS AT UNIFEM THAT HAS EXPANDED THE FUND'S RESOURCE BASE, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, VISIBILITY AND IMPACT. SHE IS THE FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIFEM FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH.

UNDER DR. HEYZER'S LEADERSHIP, UNIFEM HAS BECOME A HIGHLY NETWORKED ORGANIZATION OF MOTIVATED PEOPLE WHO RESPOND QUICKLY TO PARTNERS' DEMANDS FOR ADVICE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT. IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF DECREASING ODA, THE FUND HAS GROWN FROM US$14 MILLION IN 1994 TO $26 MILLION IN 1999. DR. HEYZER DEVELOPED UNIFEM'S FIRST STRATEGY AND BUSINESS PLAN IN 1997 EMPHASIZING ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING, TEAM LEADERSHIP AND GUIDING STAFF TO IDENTIFY TARGETED AND STRATEGIC THEMES AS PARAMETERS FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

PRIOR TO TAKING UP HER POST AT UNIFEM, DR. HEYZER PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION TOWARDS THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING, OPENING THE DOOR FOR OVER 700 ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHAPING OF THE FIRST NGO ACTION PLAN WHICH WAS INCORPORATED INTO MINISTERIAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION. A WIDELY RECOGNIZED LEADER AND GLOBAL SPOKESPERSON FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT, SHE HELPED TO ESTABLISH NETWORKS OF POLICY-MAKERS, RESEARCHERS AND ACTIVISTS TO CREATE LINKS BETWEEN ANALYSIS AND PRACTICE ON ISSUES OF POVERTY ERADICATION, INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. SHE SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FROM 1984 - 1994 AND WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE WITH WOMEN FOR A NEW ERA (DAWN) AND THE ASIA PACIFIC WOMEN IN LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (APWLD). SHE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND GENDER EQUALITY, INCLUDING THE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PANOS, ISIS AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH.

A NATIVE OF SINGAPORE, DR. HEYZER RECEIVED HER PH.D. IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND AND WAS A RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, SUSSEX, ENGLAND. SHE HAS AUTHORED AND EDITED NUMEROUS BOOKS AND ARTICLES INCLUDING: A WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (UNIFEM, 1995); GENDER, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POVERTY (APDC, 1989) ; THE TRADE IN DOMESTIC WORKERS (APDC, 1992); WORKING WOMEN IN SOUTH EAST ASIA (OPEN UNIVERSITY, 1985). (PA/PI/OBS/P)
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1. SUMMARY: AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE 1995 BEIJING CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN WILL HOST WOMEN 2000: MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS ON MARCH 30TH AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEAN ACHESON AUDITORIUM. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS TO CELEBRATE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN CREATING NEW PROGRAMS AND FOSTERING TANGIBLE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL POSITION OF WOMEN DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD. THE MARCH 30TH EVENT WILL SERVE AS BOTH A FOLLOW-UP TO 1995 AND A PRELUDE TO THE JUNE UN SPECIAL SESSION FOR WOMEN 2000: BEIJING PLUS FIVE. FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON WILL DELIVER A VIDEO MESSAGE. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT WILL MAKE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS.
FOR THOSE POSTS EITHER HOLDING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS, PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF BEIJING PLUS FIVE IN JUNE, OR GENERALLY INTERESTED IN PLANNING ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING OR FOLLOWING THIS EVENT; PLEASE SEE PARA 3, 4 AND 5. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PROGRAM:

IN ADDITION TO REMARKS BY SECRETARY ALBRIGHT AND THE FIRST LADY, THREE AMERICAN WOMEN WILL OFFER BRIEF (3-4 MINUTE) TESTIMONIALS ON HOW THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES HAS IMPROVED SINCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED ITS COMMITMENTS MADE AT BEIJING 1995. WHILE THIS EVENT IS TARGETED PRIMARILY FOR A DOMESTIC AUDIENCE, THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL COMPONENT. TO THIS END, THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VITAL VOICES DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE AND A STATEMENT ABOUT THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN

AFGHANISTAN. THE PROGRAM WILL BE WOVEN TOGETHER WITH OPENING AND CLOSING LIVE CHORAL MUSIC.

3. TWENTY PLUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT AN INFORMATION FAIR ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTENDEES REGARDING THEIR AGENCIES' INITIATIVES AS A RESULT OF BEIJING 1995. A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS AND THEIR PROGRESS SINCE 1995 ARE THOROUGHLY OUTLINED AND UPDATED YEARLY IN THE AMERICAS COMMITMENT ANNUAL BOOKLET. THE 2000 EDITION WILL BE RELEASED ON MARCH 30TH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS EVENT.

4. SPREADING THE WORD:

THE PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCAST TO POSTS WORLDWIDE AND WILL ALSO BE TRANSMITTED ON A SATELLITE IN THE U.S. THAT USG OFFICES, TV STATIONS, CABLE AND EDUCATIONAL TV SYSTEMS CAN DOWNLINK. DOWNLINK INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SEPTEL. AN HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND PROGRESS IN THE U.S. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS WILL PRECEDE THE LIVE PROGRAM:
1:00PM EST - VIDEOTAPED HISTORICAL PROGRAM
2:00PM EST - LIVE PROGRAM

POSTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE WOMEN ARE AVAILABLE FOR TELEPRESS OR DIGITAL VIDEO CONFERENCING IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THIS PROGRAM. POSTS ARE URGED TO REPLY WITH

ANY OTHER REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES.

FOR MORE DETAILS, THE URL FOR AMERICA'S COMMITMENT 2000 IS: HTTP://SECRETARY.STATE.GOV/WWW/PICW/INDEX.HTML THIS SITE WILL ALSO CARRY SPEECHES, ARTICLES AND LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT SITES. THE 2000 EDITION OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON LINE ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30TH.

IIP/T/SV OFFERS ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON THIS AND RELATED TOPICS ON ITS WEBSITE:
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5. POSTS WITH SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUESTS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR IIP/G TEAM OR ECA OFFICE, WITH INFO COPIES TO CYNTHIA FARRELL JOHNSON IN IIP/T/GIC AND MARTHA BROWN IN ECA/PE/C.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DVC ON "WOMEN 2000: INITIATIVES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"

REF: SECSTATE 54563

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: POST REQUESTS IIP ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A DVC ON THE SUBJECT TITLE, AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE JUNE UN SPECIAL SESSION WOMEN 2000: BEIJING PLUS FIVE.

B. TIME FRAME: ANY DAY DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 22-26, FY00, Q3 (TBD DEPENDING ON TIMING OF PERUVIAN ELECTIONS' SECOND ROUND).

C. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM: SHOW U.S. COMMITMENT AND INITIATIVES IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; DISCUSS U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND THEIR PROGRESS SINCE THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

JUSTIFICATION: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS DECLARED 2000 AS THE "YEAR AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE." WITH THIS GESTURE THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS AN OBSTACLE TO A COUNTRY'S EQUALITY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THAT IT IS THE STATES' RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE STEPS TO SOLVE AND PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. LEGAL REFORMS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STARTED IN PERU DURING THE LAST DECADE OF THE 20TH CENTURY, BUT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE REFORMS STILL DO NOT ALLOW AN EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. WOMEN-RELATED NGO RESEARCH REPORTS THAT IN SPITE OF ADVANCEMENT IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL SYSTEM, THERE IS STILL A LACK OF REGULATION. PROCEDURAL DELAYS AND THE LACK OF SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL IN THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE SECTORS ALSO HINDER THE ADVANCEMENT

OF THESE LEGAL REFORMS. A U.S. EXPERT, SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S BONNIE CAMPBELL, WOULD ADD MUCH TO THE CURRENT DIALOGUE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PERU BY EXPLAINING BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL U.S. PROGRAMS AND GIVING EXAMPLES OF OTHER BEIJING INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA.

MPP THEMES TO BE ADDRESSED: DEMOCRACY/HUMAN RIGHTS

D. AUDIENCES: PERUVIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE VITAL VOICES DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE, MUNICIPAL LEADERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM PERU'S MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM WOMEN'S NGOS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS.

E. PROPOSED TOPICS AND TYPES OF EVENTS:
- --BEIJING 1995 INITIATIVES IN THE AREA OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR PROGRESS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS (E.G., LEGAL REFORMS, HEALTH AND POLICE-RELATED REFORMS, ETC.)
- --U.S. GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES TO FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LOW-COST, MULTICULTURAL STRATEGIES.
- --HOW TO FUND RAISE, LOBBY, AND USE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

TYPE OF EVENT: ONE-HOUR DVC (TALK FOLLOWED BY Q&A). POST WILL ALSO SHOW AN EDITED VERSION OF THE MARCH 30 WOMEN 2000 CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

F. TYPE OR NAME OF SPECIALIST REQUIRED: POST REQUESTS BY NAME BONNIE CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

G. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: POST WILL PROVIDE TRANSLATION OF THE PROGRAM INTO SPANISH.

H. REQUEST FOR SUPPORTING BIBLIOGRAPHIC MATERIALS: POST REQUESTS COPIES OF THE AMERICA'S COMMITMENT ANNUAL BOOKLET AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, PARA 3. AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT THE BOOKLET WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH. PLEASE CONTACT PDO MICHELE BACK FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

I. NAME OF MISSION PROGRAM OFFICER AND CONTACT INFORMATION: PO IS PDO MICHELE BACK, OFFICE PHONE (51-1) 434-3000 EXT. 2634, FAX (51-1) 434-1299 OR 434-0100. HOME PHONE: (51-1) 446-3394. PROGRAM COORDINATOR IS GRACE SANCHEZ EXT. 2565.

J. FUNDING SPECIFICS: REPOOLED I BUCKS OR POST GOE. THANKS AND REGARDS.

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1. (U) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOUR, ZAKKIYA HAMDAN RASHID AL-FARSI, AND THE HEAD OF THE "COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY WORK," RAHILA BINT AMER AL-RIYAMI, DESCRIBED THE STRUCTURE OF OMAN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS DURING A RECENT MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. ACCORDING TO MS. AL-FARSI AND MS. AL-RIYAMI, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. ON A VOLUNTARY VISITOR (VOLVIS) PROGRAM ON WOMEN'S ISSUES, THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVE SOME GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, BUT THEY REMAIN THE CLOSEST THING OMAN HAS TO A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN.

2. (U) WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, INITIATED BY THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOUR IN THE LATE EIGHTIES, PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENCOURAGING WOMEN VOLUNTEERS TO BECOME ACTIVE IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND WELFARE SUPPORT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY WOMEN MEET AT THE ASSOCIATION CENTERS TO DICUSS GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH CARE AND TO TAKE CLASSES IN SUBJECTS RANGING FROM CIVIC EDUCATION, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE TO MIDWIFERY AND HYGIENE TO TRADITIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS, COOKERY AND INTERIOR DESIGN. LOCAL CENTERS ALSO PROVIDE CHILD-CARE

AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY CHILDREN. (REFTEL)

3. (U) WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FACILITIES AND UTILITIES ARE PAID FOR BY THE MINISTRY, AS IS EACH CENTER COORDINATOR. ALL OTHER STAFF MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS, AND ALL OTHER OPERATING COSTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTER. EACH ASSOCIATION MEMBER PAYS AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF BETWEEN 13 AND 24 USD. ASSOCIATIONS CONDUCT FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR PROJECTS.

4. (U) THERE ARE CURRENTLY 25 WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS: 7 IN BATINAH (NORTHERN COASTAL REGION), 4 IN DHAHIRAH (BORDERING UAE), 2 IN DHAKHALIYYAH (INTERIOR REGION), 1 IN MUSANDUM, 4 IN DHOFAR (SOUTHERN COASTAL REGION), 2 IN THE MUSCAT CAPITAL AREA, AND 5 IN SHARQIYA (MID-COASTAL REGION). ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ASSOCIATIONS IN ONLY 25 OF THE 59 WILAYATS, OR COUNTIES, THERE ARE PLANS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE ASSOCIATION IN EACH OF THE WILAYATS BY 2005.

5. (U) TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING AND COORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, THE MINISTRY FORMED THE "COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY WORK." THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES GUIDANCE, TRAINING, AND OUTREACH TO THE CENTERS AND ENSURES THAT INDIVIDUAL CENTER PROGRAMS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL SOCIETY. THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER 1998 IN RESPONSE TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S "PLATFORM FOR ACTION" AND IN PREPARATION FOR BEIJING &5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE THREE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION COORDINATORS (FROM SALALAH, MUSCAT AND AL-QABIL), THREE MINISTRY EMPLOYEES (THE DG FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS, THE DG FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, AND THE DG FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS), AND FIVE VOLUNTEERS FROM SOCIETY AT LARGE WHO SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS.

6. (U) COMMENT: MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY WORK ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN ECA-ORGANIZED VOLUNTARY VISITOR'S PROJECT IN THE U.S. APRIL 9 - 18, 2000. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON WOMEN'S POLITICAL AND LEGAL RIGHTS, HANDICAPPED AND ORPHANED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND OTHER WOMEN'S OUTREACH PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, POST INTENDS TO REQUEST DEMOCRACY SMALL-GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE AND THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS, AND TO BUILD ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THE VOLVIS PROJECT. END COMMENT.

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SUBJECT: SMALL GRANT PROPOSAL: BNAT FATMA N'SOUMEUR

1. BNAT FATMA N'SOUMEUR IS AN ALGERIAN NGO WORKING ON WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE ORGANIZATION HAS OFFICES IN SEVERAL ALGERIAN PROVINCES. IT WORKS TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTIONAL LINKS WITH SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN NORTH AFRICA. BNAT REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN 1995 AS AN ACCREDITED NGO.

2. BNAT PROPOSES TWO PROJECTS FOR SMALL GRANTS FUNDING: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE TO SERVE AN AREA JUST OUTSIDE ALGIERS WHICH WAS THE SCENE OF SEVERAL MASSACRES DURING THE WORST OF THE VIOLENCE IN THE 1990'S. OFFICE EQUIPMENT WOULD COST USD 6,000. THREE YEARS OF SALARY FOR AN OFFICE DIRECTOR WOULD COST USD 14,000. EMBASSY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL. BNAT ALSO PROPOSES THE SENDING OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UN MEETING IN NEW YORK THIS JUNE TO FOLLOW UP THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WOULD ENABLE BNAT TO STRENGTHEN ITS INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR ITS WORK IN ALGERIA. COST WOULD BE USD 14,000. EMBASSY SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT, BUT AS A LOWER PRIORITY THAN THE PROJECT OUTLINED ABOVE.

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TAGS: OVIP, UNGA, KWMN
SUBJECT: BEIJING&5: SPEAKERS' LIST

1. ON APRIL 26, THE UN WILL CONVENE A MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE LIST OF SPEAKERS FOR THE DEBATE IN THE PLENARY MEETING OF BEIJING&5, THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WILL REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

2. AT THE APRIL 26TH MEETING, MEMBER STATES MUST INDICATE THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION TO BEIJING&5, AND THE DATE AND TIME (MORNING OR AFTERNOON) THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

3. THIS CABLE ADVISES USUN THAT SECRETARY MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT PLANS TO LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION TO BEIJING&5 AND WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER THE U.S. STATEMENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, DURING THE MORNING SESSION.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE SPEAKING SLOTS AT A LATER DATE, IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO GET A CHOICE SLOT.
ALBRIGHT

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SUBJECT: 2000 EDITION OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT: FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

REF: REFTEL STATE 34370

1. THIS TELEGRAM HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH M/P (SEP).

2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 6.

3. AS REPORTED REFTEL, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 5-9, 2000, WILL CONDUCT A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THIS REVIEW, KNOWN AS BEIJING &5, HAS AS ITS THEME WOMEN 2000: GENDER EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT WILL HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. SECRETARY SHALALA AND AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE WILL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS FOR THE DELEGATION.

4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POSTS RESPONSE TO REFTEL. THE PRESIDENTS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN IS NOW PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR POSTS ON THE USG PREPARATION FOR BEIJING &5.

5. THE PRESIDENTS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF USG PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO BENEFIT WOMEN AND GIRLS, THE 2000 EDITION OF AMERICAS COMMITMENT, AS FOLLOW-UP TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THIS PUBLICATION WAS RELEASED AT A MAJOR PRESIDENTS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN EVENT AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 30TH, FEATURING

KEYNOTES REMARKS BY SECRETARY ALBRIGHT, CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL, AND A VIDEO ADDRESS BY FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, HONORARY CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL. THE EVENT HIGHLIGHTED ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT USG COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE 1995 UN WOMENS CONFERENCE. INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT IS ON-LINE AT THE S/PICW WEB SITE: HTTP://SECRETARY.STATE.GOV/WWW/PICW/INDEX.HTML.

6. THIS BOOK IS NOW COMPLETE AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL POSTS, AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE S/PICW WEB SITE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT POSTS MAKE THIS PUBLICATION AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY BEIJING &5 DELEGATION HEADS. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS POSTS TO NOTIFY STATE OF THE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE DELEGATION HEADS, ATTENTION LIDIA SOTO-HARMON, S/PICW, AND SHARON KOTOK, IO.
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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY SPOKESMAN RICHARD BOUCHER WERE ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN ON 5/22/2000.

3. SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MARK FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.N. FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING

A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL MARK THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.N. FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING, JUNE 5-9 IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THIS MEETING IS PART OF THE UNITED NATION'S 25-YEAR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO WOMEN 2000: BEIJING PLUS FIVE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 5-9, 2000:

SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT, CHAIR

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DONNA SHALALA, CO-CHAIR

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS RICHARD HOLBROOKE, CO-CHAIR

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL BETTY KING, DEPUTY CHAIR

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN LINDA TARR-WHELAN, DEPUTY CHAIR

THERESA LOAR, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S

ISSUES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JANE SMITH, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
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NEGRO WOMEN, PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISOR

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CARYL GARCIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (AWID), PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISOR

KATE WASHBURN, YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP (WILD) FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISOR

AT THE 1995 MEETING IN BEIJING, A DOCUMENT CALLED THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION SET OUT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS), AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TAKE IN ORDER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES AND IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AT THE JUNE 2000 MEETING, THE 189 MEMBER STATES THAT AGREED TO THE 1995 PLATFORM FOR ACTION WILL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN EACH OF THEIR COUNTRIES ON ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS WILL RECOMMIT THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVING WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND AGREE ON ACTION STEPS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN FOR ACTION.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN UN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT DELEGATIONS TO THE FOUR UN WORLD CONFERENCES ON WOMEN: MEXICO CITY (1975), COPENHAGEN (1980), NAIROBI (1985) AND BEIJING (1995).

4. BROCHURE ON FIGHTING GLOBAL CORRUPTION: BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS PUBLISHED A BROCHURE ON "FIGHTING GLOBAL CORRUPTION: BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT," INTENDED TO ASSIST GLOBAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATE THE INTERNATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION ENVIRONMENT.

THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IS A HIGH PRIORITY IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN COMBATING OVERSEAS COMMERCIAL BRIBERY BEGINNING WITH THE ENACTMENT IN 1977 OF THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT, AND MORE RECENTLY, WITH THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC

COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT BRIBERY CONVENTION, AND THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION. IN FEBRUARY 1999, VICE PRESIDENT GORE CHAIRED THE FIRST GLOBAL FORUM ON FIGHTING CORRUPTION THAT WAS ATTENDED BY PARTICIPANTS FROM OVER 90 COUNTRIES. SINCE THAT TIME, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OTHER PARTNERS GLOBALLY, REGIONALLY AND BILATERALLY ON PROMOTING ISSUES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY.

IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION POLICY AND SURVEYING THE GROWING NUMBER OF GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ANTICORRUPTION AND TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVES, THE BROCHURE UNDERSCORES CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. THE BROCHURE ALSO PROVIDES GENERAL GUIDANCE TO BUSINESSES, INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHERS ON REPORTING PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT AND CORRUPTION.

SPECIFICALLY, THE BROCHURE PROVIDES TO COMPANIES GUIDANCE FOR DEVELOPING AN ANTICORRUPTION STRATEGY -- DETECTION AND
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PREVENTION MEASURES, INCLUDING ENCOURAGING UPPER MANAGEMENT TO BE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING AND ENFORCING CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS AND CODES OF CONDUCT. THE BROCHURE ALSO FOCUSES ON ISSUES CONCERNING DUE DILIGENCE, AUDITING, INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS, AND ETHICS TRAINING. THE SECOND PART OF THE BROCHURE STRESSES THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BY BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC GOVERNANCE BY GOVERNMENTS IN NURTURING THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND BUILDING A MORE DEMOCRATIC RULE OF LAW-BASED SOCIETY IN NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

WE HOPE THE BROCHURE DEMONSTRATES HOW GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPTION TO ENHANCE GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY WORLDWIDE.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE BROCHURE IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE AT: HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV.

5. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT WAS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN ON 5/19/2000.

6. CONGRESSMAN MARTY MEEHAN PNTR ANNOUNCEMENT

I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD CONGRESSMAN MARTY MEEHAN'S DECISION TO SUPPORT PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA.

ASIDE FROM THE OBVIOUS ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR THE UNITED STATES, THERE ARE REAL AND SERIOUS NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THIS VOTE. IT WILL INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CHINA WILL PLAY BY GLOBAL RULES AND CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL STABILITY.

WITH PNTR, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ENGAGE CHINA MORE PRODUCTIVELY ON TOUGH ISSUES: TAIWAN, KOREA, NONPROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL, AND SOUTH ASIA.

AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND A RESPECTED LEADER ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONGRESSMAN MEEHAN IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO UNDERSTAND THESE ISSUES.

I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WITH CONGRESSMAN MEEHAN ON THIS ISSUE AND VISITED HIS DISTRICT IN MASSACHUSETTS. I BELIEVE THAT MARTY MEEHAN CAME TO THE RIGHT CONCLUSION TO SUPPORT CHINA PNTR, AND I HOPE THE REST OF CONGRESS FOLLOWS SUIT.

7. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WERE PREPARED ON 5/22/2000. AT THE PRESS BRIEFING THAT DAY, SPOKESMAN RICHARD BOUCHER DREW FROM ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS IN PARA 8 EXCEPT QUESTIONS 3 AND 4. HE ALSO USED THE ANSWER IN PARA 9 AND DREW FROM THE GUIDANCES IN PARAS 10 AND 11 TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS ALSO MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

8. FIJI: THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

Q: WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION?

A: THE SMALL ARMED GROUP LED BY ETHNIC FIJIAN BUSINESSMAN GEORGE SPEIGHT HAS RELEASED SEVERAL HOSTAGES, THOUGH MANY,
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INCLUDING PM CHAUDHRY, REMAIN CAPTIVE.

-- FOLLOWING SOME INITIAL VIOLENCE IN THE CAPITAL, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES OF ARSON AND LOOTING OUTSIDE SUVA. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN FIJI ARE SAFE. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT TRAVEL TO FIJI BE DEFERRED.

IF ASKED:

Q: WHAT IS THE POSITION OF FIJI'S MILITARY IN THIS SITUATION?

A: FIJI'S TOP MILITARY LEADERS HAVE COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF

THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGE TAKERS ARE FROM THE MILITARY.

Q: WHAT IS THE SECURITY SITUATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS?

A: THE PRESIDENT OF FIJI HAS EXPANDED THE NIGHTTIME CURFEW TO ALL OF FIJI. WE ARE OF COURSE URGING ALL AMERICANS THERE TO ABIDE BY THIS RESTRICTION.

-- WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF U.S. CITIZENS' HAVING BEEN INJURED OR OTHERWISE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE EVENTS IN SUVA.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE GREAT COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (GCC)?

A: THE GREAT COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IS AN INFLUENTIAL GROUP OF TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FIJIAN LEADERS. WE HOPE THAT ITS TUESDAY MEETING OF THE GREAT COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (GCC) WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL CONCLUSION OF THE SITUATION.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION?

A: WE URGE ALL FIJIAN LEADERS TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF FIJI AS THEY ADDRESS THIS GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS.

-- WE ALSO URGE THE GUNMEN INSIDE WHO ARE HOLDING THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED LEADERS OF FIJI HOSAGE TO RELEASE THEM UNHARMED IMMEDIATELY.

-- AS WE SAID BEFORE, THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY UNCONSTITUTIONAL SEIZURE OF POWER ON U.S.-FIJI RELATIONS WOULD BE VERY SUBSTANTIAL, AND VERY DETRIMENTAL TO FIJI'S STANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMUNITY.

Q: WHAT WOULD BE THE "VERY SUBSTANTIAL" CONSEQUENCES ON U.S.-FIJI RELATIONS IF THIS ATTEMPT TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDS?

A: U.S. LAW AND POLICY MANDATE SANCTIONS WHEN DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENTS ARE TOPPLED BY FORCE.

-- THE U.S. CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE, DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

CONTEXT: ABOUT 6 PM WASHINGTON TIME ON MAY 18 A SMALL GROUP OF ARMED GUNMEN LED BY GEORGE SPEIGHT TOOK FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER CHAUDHRY AND SEVERAL OTHER CABINET MEMBERS HOSTAGE IN PARLIAMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FATALITIES. WHILE SOME HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RELEASED, MANY OTHERS REMAIN CAPTIVE. THE MOVE CAME AS OPPOSITION TO CHAUDHRY'S (AN INDO-FIJIAN) GOVERNMENT APPEARS ON THE RISE AMONG INDIGENOUS FIJIANS. SOME PHONE LINES, ALTHOUGH OVERLOADED, APPEAR TO BE OPERATING. PRESIDENT MARA HAS DECLARED A LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 15 STATE 097122

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REST OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING TOURIST AREAS, OUTSIDE SUVA ARE CALM. THE EMBASSY HAS ACTIVATED THE WARDEN SYSTEM. AMBASSADOR SIDDIQUE HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH FIJIAN LEADERS TO STRONGLY URGE ADHERENCE TO THE FIJIAN CONSTITUTION. THE TUESDAY MEETING OF THE GREAT COUNCIL OF CHIEFS WILL BE IMPORTANT, SINCE IT IS CHAIRED BY FORMER PM RABUKA, AND HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE.

9. U.N. PEACEKEEPING/CONGRESSIONAL HOLDS

Q: ARE CONGRESSIONAL SPENDING HOLDS ON FUNDS FOR U.N. PEACEKEEPING HAVING AN IMPACT UPON THE U.N. AND U.S.?

A: HOLDS ON ALREADY APPROPRIATED FUNDS HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME. BOTH THE U.N. AND THE U.S. ARE BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE HOLDS. HAVE $226 MILLION IN UNPAID BILLS DESPITE HAVING THE FUNDS ALREADY APPROPRIATED.

-- U.S. REFORM AGENDA FOR THE U.N. PLACED AT RISK. NEW ARREARS THREATEN AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK ON REFORM OF SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND OTHER HELMS-BIDEN BENCHMARKS (WHICH WERE LEGISLATED TO GET PAST THE ARREARS PROBLEM).

-- THE MAJOR HOLDS ARE ON SIERRA LEONE, KOSOVO, EAST TIMOR, AND THE CONGO. AS A RESULT, THE U.N. EITHER HAS TO DEFER PAYMENTS TO NATIONS PROVIDING PEACEKEEPERS OR SKIMP IN SOME OTHER AREA. EITHER WAY, IT DAMAGES U.N. PEACEKEEPING.

BACKGROUND: CONGRESSIONAL HOLDS ON USE OF FY 2000 APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PAY U.N. ASSESSMENTS FOR PEACEKEEPING BY SENATOR GREGG (LARGEST AMOUNT OF HOLDS) AND CONGRESSMAN ROGERS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. THE HOLDS ON PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS FOR U.N. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN KOSOVO, EAST TIMOR, SIERRA LEONE AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TOTAL $368 MILLION AND ALREADY HAVE PREVENTED PAYMENT OF $226 MILLION DESPITE HAVING THE FUNDS IN HAND. NOTE: KEEP FOCUS ON THESE FOUR MAJOR OPERATIONS AND DO NOT BRING UP OTHER CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVALS FOR OPERATIONS IN HAITI AND WESTERN SAHARA.

10. ANNAN SAYS U.S. AID SHAMEFUL

Q: WHAT DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THINK OF SECRETARY GENERAL ANNAN LABELING THE U.S. LEVEL OF SPENDING ON FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AS "SHAMEFUL"?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION AGREES WITH ANNAN'S POINT THAT U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SPENDING COULD BE GREATER. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING AND WORKING TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR MORE FUNDING THAN THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN WILLING TO PROVIDE.

-- THAT SAID, HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SPENDING AS "SHAMEFUL" IS MUCH TOO STRONG.

-- THE U.S. REMAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

-- THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT QUALITY OF AID SPENDING, NOT JUST QUANTITY, IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THE U.S. CAREFULLY TARGETS ITS AID SPENDING FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

-- IT IS ALSO USEFUL TO LOOK BEYOND TRADITIONAL AID CATEGORIES TO AREAS SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING, AN AREA IN WHICH THE U.S. IS THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL
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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT: U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL ANNAN IN A MAY 21 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT NOTRE DAME LABELED THE U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SPENDING LEVEL (AROUND ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT OF GNP, PUTTING US LAST AMONG MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) AS "SHAMEFUL." BUT ANNAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE LEADERS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE KEY TO ADDRESSING DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES. REUTERS COVERAGE OF THE "SHAMEFUL" CHARACTERIZATION APPEARED WIDELY IN TODAY'S PRESS.

11. SECRETARY GENERAL ANNAN ON FOREIGN AID

Q. IS THE U.S. ONE OF THE LEAST GENEROUS IN TERMS OF ITS SHARE OF ITS GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IT DEVOTES TO HELPING THE WORLD'S POOR?

A. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS THE LEAST GENEROUS OF ANY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION IN TERMS OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP). THE U.S. COMES IN LAST BEHIND AUSTRIA, GERMANY, NEW ZEALAND, UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, CANADA, IRELAND, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND DENMARK.

-- HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH IN RECENT YEARS USAID HAS SPENT LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET, THE AGENCY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. USAID WORKS TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, FREE MARKETS AND AMERICA'S OTHER FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AROUND THE GLOBE.

12. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON 5/22/00, WERE NOT USED AT THE PRESS BRIEFING ON THAT DAY. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

13. NORTH KOREA: HOUSE MEASURES ON NUCLEAR PLANTS

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO TWO BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE RELATING TO NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND KEDO'S REACTOR PROJECT? WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON THE AGREED FRAMEWORK?

A: THE AGREED FRAMEWORK HAS KEPT IN CHECK NORTH KOREA'S QUICKEST AND SUREST PATH TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- TO THE EXTENT THAT THE LEGISLATION WOULD LIMIT THE ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, THE TWO BILLS REPRESENT BARRIERS TO MAINTAINING THE FREEZE ON NORTH KOREA'S PLUTONIUM PRODUCTION CAPABILITES.

-- IT IS WORTH REPEATING THAT THE AGREED FRAMEWORK HAS SUCCEEDED IN VERIFIABLY FREEZING NORTH KOREAN PLUTONIUM PRODUCTION AT YONGBYON.

-- WITHOUT THE AGREED FRAMEWORK AND THAT FREEZE, NORTH KOREA COULD HAVE PRODUCED ENOUGH PLUTONIUM BY NOW FOR A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- AS WE HAVE CONTINOUSLY IN THE PAST, WE INTEND TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS ON THE SHARED GOAL OF SECURING AMERICA AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

Q: WHAT DOES THE LEGISLATION CALL FOR?
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A: ON MAY 15 THE HOUSE PASSED THE GILMAN-MARKEY BILL TO REQUIRE A VOTE BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS BEFORE ALLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF A BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF KEY COMPONENTS FOR THE PROLIERATION-RESISTANT LIGHT WATER REACTORS CALLED FOR IN THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

-- UNDER CURRENT LAW, ANY NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS, WHICH WILL HAVE 90 DAYS TO CONSIDER IT.

-- SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD COME INTO FORCE UNLESS BOTH HOUSES PASS RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL WITHIN THE 90 DAY PERIOD.

-- WE BELIEVE THIS NEW LEGISLATION IS UNNECESSARY, AND COULD SEND THE WRONG SIGNAL TO NORTH KOREA ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

-- MOREOVER, IT WOULD REVISE CAREFULLY CRAFTED COMPROMISES REACHED BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES AND COULD FUNDAMENTALLY REVISE THE WAY THE U.S. CONDUCTS NUCLEAR

COOPERATION INTERNATIONALLY.

-- THE COX-MARKEY AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL (H.R. 4205) WOULD PROHIBIT ANY USG INDEMNIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS INVOLVED IN THE KEDO PROJECT.

Q: HOW IS NUCLEAR INDEMNIFICATION STRUCTURED IN KEDO?

A: UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1995 KEDO-DPRK SUPPLY AGREEMENT, IT IS NORTH KOREA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT A LEGAL AND FINANCIAL MECHANISM IS AVAILABLE FOR MEETING CLAIMS BROUGHT WITHIN NORTH KOREA. IN ADDITION, IT MUST SECURE NUCLEAR LIABILITY INSURANCE OR OTHER FINANCIAL SECURITY TO PROTECT KEDO AND ITS CONTRACTORS AGAINST CLAIMS OUTSIDE NORTH KOREA.

-- NORTH KOREA HAS ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE THESE PROTECTIONS. THESE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT IN PLACE NOW. FOR THAT REASON, KEDO OFFERED CONTRACTORS THE RIGHT TO WALK AWAY FROM THE PROJECT IF ADEQUATE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT IN PLACE PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF KEY COMPONENTS.

-- UNDER THIS PLAN, CONTRACTORS ARE ASSURED THAT THEY WILL NOT RISK ANY EXPOSURE TO NUCLEAR LIABILITY UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT THEY HAVE ADEQUATE PROTECTIONS.

-- KEDO IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH NORTH KOREA CAN MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE SATISFACTION OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICIPATING CONTRACTORS.

Q: IS THE U.S. CONSIDERING WAYS TO INDEMNIFY GE?

A: G.E. HAS MADE A SUGGESTION AND WE ARE LOOKING AT IT. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

(IF PRESSED)
-- ALL CONTRACTORS EXCEPT GE HAVE ACCEPTED THE "WALK AWAY" ARRANGEMENT. G.E. IS INSISTING ON MORE PROTECTION FROM THE OUTSET.

-- WE ARE WORKING WITH THE ROK AND G.E. TO TRY TO FIND A MEANS OF ENABLING G.E. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

CONTEXT: BY A LOPSIDED MARGIN OF 374 TO 6, THE HOUSE APPROVED MAY 15 A BILL TO REQUIRE A VOTE BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS BEFORE ALLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF A BILATERAL NUCLEAR
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COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF KEY COMPONENTS FOR THE LWRS. AN EARLIER ATTEMPT TO LEGISLATE A REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WAS DROPPED LAST FALL AT THE SENATE'S

INSISTENCE; REP. GILMAN IS HOPING THAT A SLIGHTLY REFORMULATED BILL WILL OVERCOME SENATE OBJECTIONS THIS YEAR. IF ADOPTED, THE BILL WOULD SET UP A MAJOR HURDLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

THE HOUSE ON MAY 18 DISCUSSED THE COX-MARKEY AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL (H.R. 4205), WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT ANY USG INDEMNIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS INVOLVED IN THE KEDO PROJECT. OPPONENTS OF THE BILL ARGUED THAT IT THREATENS THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE COST OF INDEMNIFICATION PALES NEXT TO THE $60 BILLION PRICE TAG FOR NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE. SUPPORTERS ARGUED THAT U.S. TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE HELD HOSTAGE TO THE DPRK, AND ADVOCATED STRONG CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF ALL THINGS RELATED TO KEDO. THE AMENDMENT LATER CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 334 TO 85.

14. SOUTH KOREA: NEW PRIME MINISTER

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON PM PARK'S RESIGNATION?

A: THIS IS AN INTERNAL SOUTH KOREAN MATTER WHICH DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ANY IMPACT ON U.S.-SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS.

Q: ANY REACTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LEE HAN-DONG?

A: WE CONGRATULATE MR. LEE ON HIS APPOINTMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MUST APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT.

-- REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME, WE EXPECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH KOREA TO REMAIN STRONG.

-- WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT KIM WILL CONTINUE AND THAT THE SOUTH-NORTH SUMMIT WILL GO FORWARD AS PLANNED.

CONTEXT: PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG TODAY NAMED A CONSERVATIVE MINORITY PARTY LEADER TO HEAD HIS CABINET, A MOVE EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY BOOST KIM'S POLITICAL BASE. THE APPOINTMENT OF LEE HAN-DONG, THE 65-YEAR-OLD HEAD OF THE UNITED LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE 273-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE MAIN OPPOSITION GRAND NATIONAL PARTY HAS A PLURALITY OF 133 SEATS, BUT THE ASSEMBLY IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT. LEE SUCCEEDS PARK TAE-JOON, WHO RESIGNED LAST WEEK OVER A TAX EVASION SCANDAL. HE IS THE THIRD PRIME MINISTER TO SERVE IN THE KIM GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS INAUGURATED IN EARLY 1998.

15. ROHRABACHER RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM

Q: DID THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SUMMON THE AMBASSADOR TO EXPLAIN RESOLUTION 295?

A: YES.

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THE VIETNAMESE PRESS REPORT THAT THE

AMBASSADOR REGRETTED THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION?

A: NO. THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT REGRET PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION.
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-- THE AMBASSADOR, A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS, EXPLAINED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AS WELL AS THE ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

-- RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY FOR THE U.S.

-- THE RESOLUTION PASSED THE HOUSE WITH AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY DEMONSTRATING THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AS EXPRESSED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- THE AMBASSADOR AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO HAVE AN INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RESOLUTION, THE U.S. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AND THE ROLE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY.

Q: WILL THE AMBASSADOR PASS ON THE MATERIAL PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS?

A: CERTAINLY.

Q: HAS THIS RESOLUTION CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONSHIP?

A: U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS ARE MATURING; WE ARE ABLE TO DISCUSS FRANKLY MANY ISSUES, EVEN THOSE WHERE WE DISAGREE.

-- WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, WE CONDUCT AN ON-GOING DIALOGUE WITH VIETNAM. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN HOLDING A FORMAL ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE.

-- THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS COMPARE THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS.

CONTEXT: ON MAY 3, 2000 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE PASSED A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN VIETNAM 25 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF SAIGON. THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO REAFFIRM AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE VIETNAMESE AND CALLS ON VIETNAM'S GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS BELIEF AND TO RELEASE POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS PRISONERS. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF VIETNAM SUMMONED AMBASSADOR PETERSON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION. THE

OFFICIAL VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY REPORTED AFTERWARD THAT THE AMBASSADOR REGRETTED THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, AND AP HAS PICKED UP THE STORY.

16. JAPAN: OKINAWAN TREASURES

Q: WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO THE NAGO CITY ASSEMBLY'S LETTER TO SECRETARY ALBRIGHT CONCERNING CULTURAL ARTIFACTS STOLEN AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II? WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO THE RESOLUTION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NAGO CITY ASSEMBLY REQUESTING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING CULTURAL ARTIFACTS STOLEN AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II?

A: WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA AND RECOGNIZE THEIR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE ARTIFACTS MISSING SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

-- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING INTO WAYS WE CAN BE HELPFUL IN RESPONDING TO THESE CONCERNS.
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IF ASKED:

-- WE ARE UNWARE OF THE LOCATION OF THE MISSING ITEMS, INCLUDING THE OKINAWA CROWN.

CONTEXT: THE G-8 SUMMIT WILL BE HELD IN NAGO CITY, OKINAWA JAPAN, IN JULY. ON MARCH 29, THE NAGO CITY ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE "UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF THE USG" TO ASSIST OKINAWA TO IDENTIFY THE WHEREABOUTS AND RECOVER CULTURAL ARTIFACTS THAT WERE ALLEGEDLY STOLEN BY U.S. TROOPS AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. A DELEGATION OF OKINAWAN RESEARCHERS AND LEADERS VISITED WASHINGTON ON MAY 8 AND 9 HOPING TO PASS A LETTER FOR SECRETARY ALBRIGHT TO THIS EFFECT; THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS. HOWEVER, OUR CONSULATE IN OKINAWA RECEIVED COPIES AND HAVE TRANSMITTED THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT. A NYT REPORTER, BILL HONAN, WHO IS WRITING AN ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT OF STOLEN OKINAWAN TREASURES, ASKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR OUR REACTION.

THE MOST EMOTIONALLY-CHARGED ITEM HERE IS THE LOCATION OF THE JEWEL-ENCRUSTED CROWN OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF OKINAWA (UNTIL 1879 AN INDEPENDENT KINGDOM). IT REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN 1945, TOGETHER WITH THE SACRED GENEALOGY BOOKS OF THE FAMILY. THESE OBJECTS HAD BEEN HIDDEN TOGETHER IN A DITCH IN THE ADVANCE OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS, BUT WERE LATER FOUND MISSING. THE BOOKS THEMSELVES RESURFACED IN 1953 WHEN THE FAMILY OF AN AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER TURNED THEM OVER TO THE USG; THEY WERE RETURNED TO THE OKINAWANS. THE CROWN REMAINS MISSING; SOME OKINAWANS ARE CONVINCED IT LIES HIDDEN IN THE BOWELS OF THE BOSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS.

17. OVERSEAS POSTS ORDERED TO COUNT LAPTOPS

Q: IS THE LA TIMES STORY ACCURATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED ALL OVERSEAS DIPLOMATIC POSTS TO DO AN INVENTORY OF LAPTOPS?

A: THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL WORLDWIDE INVENTORY OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

-- AFTER THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH REPORTED THAT A LAPTOP WITH CLASSIFIED INFORMATION STORED ON IT WAS MISSING, THE DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK A SPECIAL SPOT CHECK OF ALL CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED LAPTOPS AT DOMESTIC FACILITIES.

-- ALL OF THE CLASSIFIED LAPTOPS LOCATED AT OUR DOMESTIC FACILITIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ONE MISSING FROM THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH, HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

-- THE ANNUAL INVENTORY AND THE SPECIAL SPOT CHECK REVEALED THAT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S 1,913 UNCLASSIFIED LAPTOP COMPUTERS, ONLY 15 COULD NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS.

-- THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SIMILAR SPOT CHECK AT ITS OVERSEAS FACILITIES.

IF ASKED:

Q: WHEN IS THE OVERSEAS SPOT CHECK DUE TO BE COMPLETED?

A: THE OVERSEAS SPOT CHECK SHOULD BE FINISHED SHORTLY.

18. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY) REVIEW CONFERENCE UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 15 STATE 097122

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Q: WHAT HAPPENED AT THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE?

A: BY ADOPTING A CONSENSUS FINAL DOCUMENT, THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PARTIES REINFORCED IN VERY STRONG TERMS THE VITAL ROLE OF THE TREATY IN ADVANCING THE SECURITY OF ALL NATIONS.

-- QUESTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE TREATY SINCE THE INDIAN AND PAKISTANI NUCLEAR TESTS. THE CONFERENCE OUTCOME ANSWERS THOSE QUESTIONS WITH AN EMPHATIC AFFIRMATION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY'S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN HELPING TO PREVENT THE FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- AMONG THE KEY ISSUES WERE THE NEED TO CONTINUE WORKING TOWARD UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ITS TERMS BY EXISTING PARTIES.

-- THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR ONGOING EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE TREATY AND FOR THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.

Q: DID THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKE ANY NEW COMMITMENTS IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL OR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT? FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS A REPORT THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES ACCEPTED AN "UNEQUIVOCAL UNDERTAKING" TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

A: THE CONFERENCE FINAL DOCUMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH UNITED STATES POLICY AND TREATY COMMITMENTS.

-- ACHIEVING THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE NEITHER EASY NOR WILL IT OCCUR RAPIDLY. THE PACE AND SCOPE OF PROGRESS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT DEPENDS ON THE GLOBAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT.

-- HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO THIS GOAL AND WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REDUCE ITS NUCLEAR ARSENALS IN A MANNER THAT CONTRIBUTES TO UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

IF RAISED:

-- THE FINAL DOCUMENT CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL STEPS IN NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL INCLUDING COMPLETION OF START II RATIFICATION BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONCLUSION OF START III AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

-- ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PARTIES AND ALL COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT YET SIGNED OR RATIFIED THAT TREATY WERE URGED TO DO SO.

Q: THERE IS A REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS HEAVILY CRITICIZED FOR ITS ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE/NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICIES AS UNDERMINING THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL GOALS?

A: A NUMBER OF STATES RAISED CONCERNS WITH THE UNITED STATES PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE LIMITED NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE DURING THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS AND DURING SOME OF THE WORKING SESSIONS.

-- HOWEVER, DELEGATIONS GENERALLY TOOK A CONSTRUCTIVE
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APPROACH TO THE DEBATE. NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE WAS BARELY MENTIONED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT. THERE IS NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

-- IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT THERE WAS CONSENSUS FOR "PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY AS A CORNERSTONE OF STRATEGIC STABILITY."

-- CHINA AND RUSSIA MADE CLEAR THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO AMEND THE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY, BUT WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH THE UNITED STATES THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE IN RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMON SUPPORT FOR THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

Q: DID THE UNITED STATES JOIN A CONSENSUS AT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT SINGLES OUT ISRAEL FOR NOT JOINING THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY? IF SO, IS THIS A DEPARTURE IN THE UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL?

A: THE CONFERENCE ADDRESSED A BROAD RANGE OF REGIONAL ISSUES IN A BALANCED MANNER.

-- IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND RECOGNIZED THAT EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS ARE INDISPENSABLE TO CREATING THE CONDITIONS THAT PERMIT PROGRESS ON OUR NONPROLIFERATION GOALS IN THE REGION.

-- THE FINAL DOCUMENT INCLUDES A STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT HAS NOT JOINED THE TREATY. THAT IS A FACTUAL STATEMENT. SINCE THE 1995 NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY CONFERENCE, OMAN AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HAVE ADHERED TO THE TREATY. THE CONFERENCE DID NOT SINGLE OUT OR PRESSURE ISRAEL. ALL FOUR NON-PARTIES TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY(CUBA, INDIA, ISRAEL AND PAKISTAN) WERE URGED TO JOIN.

-- THIS REPRESENTS NO SHIFT IN OUR POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL OR TOWARD OUR APPROACH TO PROMOTING NONPROLIFERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- THE CONFERENCE ALSO RECOGNIZED CLEARLY THAT THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS ITS PARTIES ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CONFERENCE NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) HAS NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY ASSURANCE OF IRAQ'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, AND REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR IRAQ TO COMPLY FULLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS.

-- OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST, CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT INDIAN AND PAKISTANI NUCLEAR TESTS. THEY WERE URGED TO MEET THE NONPROLIFERATION AND TENSION REDUCTION STEPS ESTABLISHED IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1172 THAT WAS

ADOPTED IN REACTION TO THOSE TESTS.

-- THE CONFERENCE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF NORTH KOREA COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH ITS NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT.

Q: DOES THE U.S. FAVOR ISRAEL JOINING THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY?

A. OUR EVENTUAL GOAL IS UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR POLICY, AND NATURALLY IT INCLUDES ISRAEL.
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-- AT THE SAME TIME, WE KNOW THAT GOAL CANNOT BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT PROGRESS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND ASSURANCE THAT IRAQ AND IRAN ARE NOT PURSUING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROGRAMS WILL BE KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING ISRAEL'S WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TOWARD THAT GOAL.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT: THE 1970 NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS NEARLY UNIVERSAL WITH 187 PARTIES. ONLY CUBA, INDIA, ISRAEL AND PAKISTAN REMAIN OUTSIDE THE TREATY. THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS BY ITS PARTIES. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT DELIVERED THE OPENING UNITED STATES STATEMENT TO THE CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE ENDED ON SATURDAY WITH THE ADOPTION OF A CONSENSUS FINAL DOCUMENT. MEDIA REPORTS, INCLUDING BARBARA CROSSETTE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, HIGHLIGHTED AN "UNEQUIVOCAL" PLEDGE BY THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ELIMINATE THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS AN IMPORTANT NEW STATEMENT. THE OTHER MAJOR ISSUE CONCERNED THE MIDDLE EAST. IN A DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCES, AND REFLECTING THE FACT THAT ALL ARAB STATES HAVE NOW JOINED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THE UNITED STATES JOINED A CONSENSUS THAT IDENTIFIES ISRAEL BY NAME AS THE ONLY STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST OUTSIDE THE TREATY. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ISRAEL IS A NON-PARTY DOES NOT MARK A SHIFT IN THE UNITED STATES POLICY. HOWEVER, PRESS REPORTS MAY SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO SINGLE OUT ISRAEL FOR CRITICISM AND PRESSURE. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A BALANCED OUTCOME ON REGIONAL ISSUES, THE UNITED STATES INSISTED THAT THE CONFERENCE FOCUS ALSO ON INDIA AND PAKISTANI NON-ADHERENCE AND ON NON-COMPLIANCE, AND ESPECIALLY BY IRAQ. IRAQ REFUSED TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT "STOPPED THE CLOCK" A FEW MINUTES BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON MAY 19 (THE LAST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE). AGREEMENT FINALLY CAME EARLY AFTERNOON ON SATURDAY AFTER ALMOST 24 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATIONS.

19. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED ON 5/20/00.

POSTS MAY DRAW FROM IT ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

20. TAIWAN: CHEN INAUGURAL SPEECH

Q: ANY COMMENT ON THE INAUGURATION IN TAIWAN?

A: WE CONGRATULATE MR. CHEN SHUI-BIAN ON HIS INAUGURATION IN TAIWAN.

-- HIS ELECTION AND THE SMOOTH TRANSITION DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF TAIWAN'S DEMOCRACY.

-- MR. CHEN'S ELECTION AND INAUGe&` IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING PEACE, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE REGION.

Q: HOW DO YOU EVALUATE CHEN'S SPEECH?

A: WITHOUT COMMENTING ON THE SPECIFICS OF MR. CHEN'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN TAIWAN IS GENERALLY TAKING A PRAGMATIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO RESUMING CROSS-STRAIT DIALOGUE.
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-- WE HAVE URGED THE TWO SIDES TO DEVELOP DIRECT COMMUNICATION AND TO DETERMINE THE BASIS FOR RESUMED DIALOGUE. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT MR. CHEN'S INAUGURATION WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PRC RESPONSE TO CHEN'S SPEECH?

A: WHILE THE PRC HAS CRITICIZED ASPECTS OF MR. CHEN'S SPEECH, IT ALSO TOOK NOTE OF ELEMENTS IT REGARDS AS POSITIVE AND EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN DIALOGUE.

-- WE HOPE BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND TAKE A CREATIVE APPROACH IN MOVING THE CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONSHIP FORWARD THROUGH PEACEFUL DIALOGUE.

Q: WAS CHEN'S SPEECH SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN ACROSS-STRAIT DIALOGUE?

A: IT IS UP TO BEIJING AND TAIPEI TO DETERMINE WHAT IS SUFFICIENT.

-- WE ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES TO SEEK TO DEVELOP A CROSS-STRAIT DIALOGUE.

Q: WILL THE U.S. MEDIATE AS THE TWO SIDES SEEK A BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS?

A: IT IS UP TO THE TWO SIDES TO DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

-- WHILE WE ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE, WE DO NOT SEEK A ROLE AS MEDIATOR.

Q: DOES CHEN'S INAUGURATION MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. AND/OR THE PRC SINCE HE IS FROM THE OPPOSITION PARTY?

A: WE RESPECT THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN AND STRONGLY SUPPORT TAIWAN'S DEMOCRACY.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING CONSTRUCTIVE UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE INTERESTS OF PRESERVING PEACE, STABILITY, AND PROSPERITY IN THE REGION.

Q: WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS INAUGURATION HAVE ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORT TO SECURE PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS STATUS FOR CHINA IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ACCESSION TO THE WTO?

A: CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE WTO AND OUR PROVISION OF PNTR THAT GOES WITH IT WILL INCREASE CHINA'S PARTICIPATION IN A PREDICTABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND INCREASE ITS STAKE IN REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

-- THE COMBINATION OF TAIWAN AND PRC ACCESSIONS TO THE WTO WILL STRENGTHEN CROSS-STRAIT ECONOMIC TIES AND CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL STABILITY.

Q: WAS THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTED AT THE INAUGURATION?

A: WE CONTINUE TO CONDUCT CLOSE UNOFFICIAL TIES WITH THE PEOPLE ON TAIWAN THROUGH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN (AIT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND OUR "ONE CHINA" POLICY AS EMBODIED IN OUR THREE COMMUNIQUS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

-- AIT HAS ORGANIZED A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION. LAURA D'ANDREA TYSON IS
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LEADING THE DELEGATION. SHE IS JOINED BY RICHARD SOLOMON, THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE, DR. CHANG-LIN TIEN, NEC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, RICHARD BUSH, AIT CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, AND MR. RAYMOND BURGHARDT, AIT TAIPEI DIRECTOR.

-- U.S. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES RANGEL WAS ALSO SCHEDULED TO JOIN THE DELEGATION BUT DUE TO FLIGHT DELAYS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.
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