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---WEOG AND THE NEW CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE
DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS OF UN-RELATED MATTERS ROM MFA
INTERLOCUTORS HAVE NOT/NOT INDICATED ANY UNHAPPINESS WITH PRESENT
ARRANGEMENTS. THEY MAKE THE CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN HISTORIC
ASSOCIATION FOR VOTING PURPOSES AND ATTAINMENT OF ROM FOREIGN
POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH, THEY CLAIM, ARE AVOWEDLY PRO-WESTERN AND
ARE COORDINATED AND EXPRESSED THROUGH ITS MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS
INTL FORA.
2. WE BELIEVE THAT ROMS WOULD BE CONTENT TO LET EXISTING
ARRANGEMENTS STAND, EVEN THOUGH THE BREAKUP OF FSU MEANS THAT THERE
ARE NOW MANY MORE STATES COMPETING FOR LIMITED MEMBERSHIPS.
PRESSURE FOR CHANGE MIGHT GROW, HOWEVER, IF OVER TIME MEMBERS OF
CIS WERE SEEN TO BE SIMPLY VEHICLES TO PROMOTE RUSSIAN POLICY
THROUGHOUT UN SYSTEM OR, MORE IMPORTANT, IF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES
WERE TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEOG. ON OTHER
HAND, OPENING UP WEOG TO C/EE COUNTRIES WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, HAVE A
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PURSUIT OF CDN FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES
SINCE IT WOULD INCREASE COMPETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS UN
BODIES AND LESSEN OUR INFLUENCE ON INTL AGENDA..
3. WITH REGARD TO MOLDOVA, WE DOUBT THAT AUTHORITIES IN CHISINAU
WOULD ATTACH HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS SUBJ.
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---WEOG AND CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE

WE AGREE WITH PRMNY THAT DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE BETWEEN WEOG AS FORMAL GROUP CREATED IN UN FOR VOTING PURPOSES (OR OTHER SUCH FORMAL GROUPS DESIGNED FOR VOTING PURPOSES SUCH AS AMERICAS GROUP OR EUROPEAN GROUP - INCLUDING BOTH EAST AND WEST - IN WHO, ILO, ITU OR OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES) ON ONE HAND AND INFORMAL, SELF-CONSTITUTING, SELF-DEFINING GROUPS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION ON THE OTHER HAND.

2. THE DISTINCTION IS IMPORTANT/IMPORTANT TO MAKE BECAUSE AS PRMNY POINTS OUT (AND AS IMU ANALYSES IN PAST YEARS HAVE ESTABLISHED) THERE IS NO INTEREST FOR EITHER C/E EUROPE OR WEOG IN UPSETTING CURRENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH GIVES BOTH GROUPS, BUT ESPECIALLY E/C EUROPE, MORE SEATS THAN STRICT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE TWO REGIONS WOULD DEMAND. WHEREAS SOME E/C EUROPEANS COUNTRIES MAY DESIRE TO INCREASE THEIR PRESENCE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE GROUPS. WHILE A CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF A FORMAL, ELECTORAL BODY MAY INVOLVE APPROVAL BY THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION AND COULD, IF SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH, OPEN UP

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QUESTION OF TRADITIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS, ANY CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF AN INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP IS ENTIRELY AT DISCRETION OF MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP AND CAN BE MADE ANY TIME, OR EVEN ON AD HOC BASIS FOR PARTICULAR ISSUES OR PURPOSES.

3. THE DISTINCTION IS DIFFICULT/DIFFICULT TO MAKE BECAUSE OF THE OVERUSE OF THE TERM WEOG OUTSIDE THE UNNY CONTEXT. FOR EXAMPLE, AT WHO THE ELECTORAL GROUPS ARE ARRANGED BY CONTINENT: AMERICAS, EUROPE (E AND W TOGETHER) ETC, BUT THE QUOTE WESTERN UNQUOTE CONSULTATIVE GROUP IS CALLED WEOG. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS NOT STRICTLY CORRECT AND COULD LEAD TO CONFUSION BUT TRADITIONS ARE TRADITIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE UN FAMILY. THUS THERE ARE WEOGS, FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION, IN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF UN ORGANIZATIONS (EG UNCTAD) AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (EG WHO, UNESCO, WIPO, ETC)..

4. AS PRMNY POINTS OUT THE ANTICIPATED STAMPEDE OF C/E EUROPEANS TO JOIN WESTERN CONSULTATIVE GROUPS HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. THIS IS PARTLY BECAUSE CASUAL BILATERAL CONTACTS HAVE INCREASED AND CENTRAL EUROPEANS AND RUSSIA NOW FIND IT RELATIVELY EASY TO PLUG INTO WESTERN THINKING ON ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THEM. THERE MAY ALSO BE AN ELEMENT OF INERTIA OR RELUCTANCE TO TAKE ON THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING TO HAVE POSITIONS TO SHARE ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES AND HAVING TO ATTEND YET ANOTHER SET OF MEETINGS WITH RELATIVELY FEW RESOURCES AT THE MISSION

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(PARTICULARLY THE CASE FOR MOST CIS COUNTRIES WHICH JUST BARELY MANAGE TO FIELD A DELEGATE FOR PLENARY MEETINGS, LET ALONE THE MORE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR GROUP CONSULTATIONS). THERE ARE A FEW NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS: RUSSIA BECOMING MEMBER TWO YEARS AGO OF GENEVA GROUP; HUNGARY JOINING THE UNCTAD WEOG; SLOVENIA ENQUIRING ABOUT JOINING THE IMEC (INDUSTIALIZED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES) GROUP AT ILO. BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNIFICANT.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY SIGN POSTS SEE OF A MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION BUT WITHOUT OUR BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN INVITING ONE, OR EVEN SUGGESTING WE ARE EXPECTING ONE.->

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BEFORE CONTEMPLATING POSSIBLE CANADIAN INITIATIVE ON ABOVE SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CLARIFY SIT FOR ALL CONCERNED SO WE ALL START FROM COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

2. IN NEW YORK , WEOG OPERATES STRICTLY FOR ELECTORAL/ELECTORAL PURPOSES. FOR MOST (IF NOT ALL) UN BODIES WITH RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP, EACH REGIONAL GROUP IS ASSIGNED A SET NUMBER OF SEATS. WEOG NEVER/NEVER MEETS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE AND IS EVEN RELUCTANT TO BE USED AS CHANNEL FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFO.

3. COMPETITION WITHIN WEOG FOR SEATS ON UN BODIES IS FIERCE. TRANSFER OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (ECEC) FROM THEIR CURRENT ELECTORAL GROUP TO WEOG IS NON STARTER UNLESS COUNTRIES CAN ALSO TRANSFER SEATS AS WELL. NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF ECEC SINCE COMPETITION IS LOT TOUGHER IN WEOG FOR SMALL COUNTRIES THAN IT IS WITHIN EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP (WHOSE RECORD FOR ACHIEVING CLEAN SLATE OF CANDIDATES IS, BY THE WAY, SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN WEOG). FURTHERMORE SHOULD ECEC DECIDE TO AMALGAMATE WITH WEOG, THEY COULD NOT NECESSARILY COUNT ON BRINGING ALL OF THEIR EXISTING SEATS WITH THEM AS LDC GROUPS WOULD PROBABLY CHALLENGE SUCH A MOVE ON THE GROUNDS THAT WEOG AND POSSIBLY ECEC ARE ALREADY OVER-REPRESENTED IN MANY BODIES. ANY EFFORT TO ADJUST THE GROUP SYSTEM RISKS PRECIPITATING A BROADER REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO REGIONAL GROUPS IN VARIOUS BODIES WHICH COULD HURT INTERESTS OF BOTH WEOG AND ECEC.

4. IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER END OF COMMUNISM, SOME ECEC EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN MOVING TO WEOG BUT INTEREST SEEMS TO HAVE WANED CONSIDERABLY. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, EASTERN GROUP IS WORKING REASONABLY WELL AND THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS OF AN URGE ON PART OF SOME OF ITS

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MEMBERS TO KEEP DISTANCES FROM RUSSIA AND EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP.
IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP NOW HAS SAME RULES AS WEOG
IE IT IS USED STRICTLY FOR ELECTIONS PURPOSES.

5. OUTSIDE OF ELECTIONS CONTEXT, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WEOG.
INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES DO MEET OCCASIONALLY AS DONOR/DONOR COUNTRIES
FOR HUMANITARIAN AND AID QUESTIONS. MEMBERSHIP IN THESE GROUPS IS NOT
IDENTICAL TO WEOG I.E. GROUPS USUALLY INCLUDE JAPAN AND EXCLUDE SMALL
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT DONORS. OECD COUNTRIES ALSO CONSULT
OCCASIONALLY AMONG THEMSELVES ON ECONO AND SOCIAL ISSUES, MAINLY
ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE AN INFORMAL
CHARACTER AND GROUP DOES NOT SPEAK WITH A COMMON VOICE IN PUBLIC
MEETINGS. SUCH INFORMAL MECHANISMS DO NOT EVEN EXIST FOR POLITICAL
ISSUES. SINCE END OF COLD WAR, AD HOC AND ISSUE-BASED COALITIONS OF
LIKE-MINDED STATES ARE GRADUALLY REPLACING TRADITIONAL REGIONAL
GROUPINGS (EVEN THOUGH LDCS CONTINUE PRETENSE OF COMMON G-77 OR NAM
POSITIONS). ECEC CAN AND DO PARTICIPATE IN THESE AD HOC COALITIONS
ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS EG HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM, PEACEKEEPING ISSUES. ON SOME ISSUES, THEY WILL
CHOOSE TO COORDINATE POSITION WITH OTHER ECEC EG UNDP INVOLVEMENT IN
THEIR COUNTRIES. COOPERATION ACROSS GEOGRAPHICAL OR NORTH-SOUTH LINES IS
VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH AS WE
CAN. NOTION OF ECEC CONTRIES TRANSFERRING TO WEOG OR SOMEHOW BEING
ASSOCIATED WITH QUOTE WESTERN GROUP UNQUOTE IS IN MANY WAYS ANACHRONICAL
AND WOULD SERVE LITTLE IF ANY PRACTICAL PURPOSE AT LEAST IN NEW YORK.

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The Permanent Representatives and
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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Western European
and Other States Group I have the honour to transmit
the following:

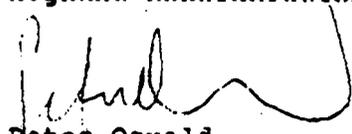
- a letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain
informing me that Spain has decided to present its
candidature for election to the Commission on
Sustainable Development at elections to be held
during the resumed organizational session of ECOSOC
on 19-20 April.

- a letter from the Permanent Representative of
Germany informing me that Germany has decided to
present the candidature of Mr Wolfgang Munch for
election to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) at
elections to be held during the 49th session of the
General Assembly.

- a letter from the Acting Permanent Representative
of Germany informing me that Germany has decided to
present the candidature of Dr Helmut Kitschenberger
for election to the International Civil Service
Commission (ICSC) at elections to be held during the
49th session of the General Assembly.

- a letter from the Permanent Representative of
Belgium informing me that Belgium has decided to
present the candidature of Mr André Xavier Pirson for
re-election to the International Civil Service
Commission (ICSC) at elections to be held during the
49th session of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my
highest consideration.


Peter Osvald
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*Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain
to the United Nations*

N° 157

New York, 3 March 1994

Excellency,

I wish to inform you, in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of March, that the Government of Spain has decided to present its candidature for election to the Commission on Sustainable Development, at the elections to be held during the resumed organizational session of the Economic and Social Council on 19-20 April 1994.

I would be most grateful if you could transmit this information to the other members of the Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Juan A. Yáñez-Barnuevo

Juan A. Yáñez-Barnuevo

H.E. Mr. Peter Osvald
Ambassador Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations
New York

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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Detlev Graf zu Rantzau
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New York, 3 March 1994

Excellency,

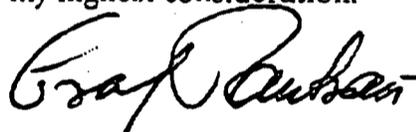
I have the honour to inform you in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of March 1994 that the Federal Government has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Wolfgang MÜNCH for election to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) at the elections to be held during the 49th session of the General Assembly.

Germany attaches great importance to the JIU and believes that Mr. Münch's experience in the field of national and international financial budgetary questions would enable him to make a most valuable contribution to the work of the JIU.

Germany would warmly welcome the support of the Western European and Other States Group for the candidature of Mr. Münch. His curriculum vitae is attached.

I would greatly appreciate if you could bring this letter to the attention of the members of the group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



His Excellency
Mr. Peter Osvald
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Curriculum Vitae
of
Wolfgang Münch

Current position:

Counsellor (Budgetary Affairs) at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York since August 1991; German Delegate to the 5th Committee; Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ); Vice-Chairman of the ACABQ since December 1992

Personal Data:
9 May 1951

Born in Offenbach near Frankfurt/Main
married, two children

Educational Background:
1970 - 1975

Studies of Law at the Universities of Frankfurt/Main and Saarbrücken; Graduation in 1975

1975 - 1978

Preparatory Service for Law Graduates at different Law Courts (at local and district level) and in public administration; Studies at Speyer University of Public Administration

1978 - 1980

Research on international law at the Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg

1981

Doctorate in International Law, Munich University

1981 - 1984

Civil Servant in the Administration of Bundesland Hesse; dealing mainly with legal questions of the European Community, agricultural policy and protection of the environment

1984 - 1991

Federal Ministry of Finance, Bonn:

- Division for international financial relations (mainly concerned with institutional and financial questions of the EC, in particular the Single European Act, the EC budget and the accession of Spain and Portugal to the EC)
- Member of the German delegation to EC-Council-meetings
- Division for export credit guarantees
- Member of the German delegation to EC-Councils and OECD-meetings

Activities and Positions:

Member of the German Group of the International Law Association; Treasurer of the German Section of the Association of Young European Civil Servants (AYECS) in 1986/1987; AYECS President between 1987 - 1989;

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Publications:

various articles on topics of constitutional and international law (UN-related articles on the financing of Peace-keeping, in particular the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund) and law of the European Communities

Publications in English: inter alia "Reflections on the Emerging Straits Regime and Draft Convention on the Law of the Sea"
The Indian Journal of International Law, 1981, p. 231 et seq.

Foreign languages:

English, French, some Russian

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Excellency,

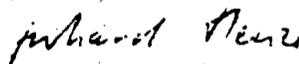
I have the honour to inform you in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of March 1994 that the Federal Government has decided to present the candidature of Dr. Helmut KITSCHENBERG for election to the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) at the elections to be held during the 49th session of the General Assembly.

Germany attaches great importance to the ICSC and believes that Dr. Kitschenberg's experience in the field of national and international service regulations/public administration would enable him to make a most valuable contribution to the work of the Commission.

Germany would warmly welcome the support of the Western European and Other States Group for the candidature of Dr. Kitschenberg. His curriculum vitae is attached.

I would greatly appreciate if you could bring this letter to the attention of the members of the group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



His Excellency
Mr. Peter Oswald
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations
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Curriculum Vitae
Dr. Helmut Klttschenberg

Born 23 September 1930 in Boppard/Germany,
married, two children

Current Position:

Since November 1990 President of the Federal Academy of Public Administration,
Bonn, the central in-service training institution in the Federal
Government

Education:

1952 - 1960 Law Studies at the Universities of Bonn and Heidelberg,
First and Second States examination in law,
Doctorate in International Law, University of Cologne

Professional Experience:

1961 - 1990 Federal Ministry of the Interior, Bonn
1971 - 1985 - Head of Division, responsibilities including service
regulations (status, disciplinary regulations,
remuneration, pensions) for the personnel of
international organizations and the secondment of
national civil servants
1986 - 1990 - Deputy Director General,
Department for German and International Civil Service

Other Activities:

1988 - present Member of the Appeals Board for the personnel of the Schools
of the European Communities, Brussels
1982 - 1985 Member of the International Civil Service Commission of the
United Nations
1971 - present Member (and Chairman, respectively) of various committees
and working groups of international organizations dealing with
status, disciplinary regulations, remunerations and pensions of
international civil servants

Publications:

Various publications on service regulations of international
organizations



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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur de m'adresser à vous en votre qualité de Président du Groupe de l'Europe Occidentale et autres Etats durant le mois de mars, pour porter à votre connaissance que le gouvernement belge a décidé de présenter la candidature de M. André Xavier Pirson pour un nouveau mandat à la Commission de la Fonction Publique Internationale lors des élections qui auront lieu pendant la 49^{ème} session de l'Assemblée Générale. Le curriculum vitae de M. Pirson est en annexe.

Je vous serais obligé de bien vouloir porter cette information à la connaissance des autres membres du groupe.

Veillez croire, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, aux assurances de ma très haute considération.

Paul Noterdaeme,
Ambassadeur,
Représentant permanent de la
Belgique auprès des Nations Unies

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CURRICULUM VITAE

André Xavier PIRSON

né le 10 août 1923.

Humanités gréco-latines.

Licence en Sciences commerciales et financières.

Licence en Sciences commerciales et consulaires.

Réceptionnaire du Prix Castellon 1948.

1949 Ministère des Affaires étrangères - Service des
Communications.

1948-1994 Négocio la plupart des accords bilatéraux sur les
transports aériens conclus par la Belgique.
Missions sur quatre continents.

1947-1994 Secrétaire du Syndicat indépendant du Ministère
des Affaires étrangères ; membre du Comité de
consultation syndicale.

1954 Représentant de la Belgique au Conseil de
l'Organisation de l'Aviation civile
Internationale (OACI) à Montréal, Canada.

1957-1990 : Président du Comité du Transport
aérien.

1953-1958 Directeur du Service des Organisations
Internationales à la Direction générale de la
Politique. Questions économiques, sociales et de
sportives. Coopération Interorganismes. Personnel.
Europe.

- 1962-1974 Représentant de la Belgique au Conseil de l'OACI et membre de la délégation belge aux sessions annuelles de l'Assemblée générale de l'ONU.
1967-1968 : Premier Vice-Président du Conseil de l'OACI.
- 1974-1986 Envoyé extraordinaire et Ministre plénipotentiaire, Mission de La Belgique à l'ONU (Affaires économiques, sociales et de gestion).
- 1974-1985 Représentant à La Cinquième Commission (Budget - personnel).
- 1980-1986 Représentant à La Deuxième Commission (économie - finances).
- 1975-1981 Membre du Comité du Programme et de La Coordination (CPC).
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1947-1954 Secretary of the Staff Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; member of the Union Consultative Committee

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1960-1962 Director at the International Organizations Office, Political Department: in charge of economic, social and management affairs, inter-agency co-ordination, personnel, budgeting

1962-1974 Representative of Belgium on the Council of ICAO; member of the Belgian delegation to the annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly
1967-1968: First Vice-President of the Council of ICAO

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SUITE À DE DIFFICILES NÉGOCIATIONS ENTRE LES GROUPES RÉGIONAUX QUANT À LA COMPOSITION DU GROUPE D'EXPERTS CRÉÉ PAR LA RÉOLUTION 48/218 (REVUE DU FONCTIONNEMENT ADMINISTRATIF ET FINANCIER DES NATIONS UNIES), LE PRÉSIDENT DE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE A FAIT CONNAÎTRE SON CHOIX POUR RÉSOUDRE L'IMPASSE.

2. LA RÉPARTITION RETENUE POUR LES 25 POSITIONS AU SEIN DE CE GROUPE IRAIT DONC COMME SUIT: AFRIQUE (6), ASIE (5), EUROPE DE L'EST (3), AMÉRIQUE LATINE ET CARAINES (5) ET WEOG (6). CETTE RÉPARTITION CORRESPOND À CE QUI AVAIT ÉTÉ DEMANDÉ PAR LE GROUPE WEOG ET NOUS PERMET DE CHOISIR SANS DIFFICULTÉS LES 6 REPRÉSENTANTS DE WEOG, PUISQUE LE GROUPE A SIX CANDIDATS EN LICE.

3. AINSI, À MOINS QUE LA DÉCISION DU PRÉSIDENT DE L'A.G. SOIT CONTESTÉE PAR L'UN DES AUTRES GROUPES RÉGIONAUX (L'ASIE EST LA PLUS SUSCEPTIBLE D'ÊTRE MÉCONTENTE DE CETTE DÉCISION MAIS IL EST FORT PEU PROBABLE QU'UNE CONTESTATION AIT LIEU), LES SIX CANDIDATS SUIVANTS REPRÉSENTERONT WEOG AU SEIN DU GROUPE D'EXPERTS:

- CANADA: BONNIE MILLER (VÉRIFICATEUR GÉNÉRAL ADJOINT)
- ALLEMAGNE: DR. KITSCHENBERG (DIRECTEUR DE L'ACADÉMIE FÉDÉRALE DE L'ADMINISTRATION PUBLIQUE)
- FRANCE: PIERRE LELONG (CONSEILLER MAÎTRE DE LA COUR DES COMPTES)
- FINLANDE: DR. ERKKI KOURULA (MISSION FINLANDAISE À N-Y)
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MEETING DU WEOG, SOUS NOUVELLE PRÉSIDENTE DE SAN MARINO, S'EST PRINCIPALEMENT ATTARDÉ AUX 3 QUESTIONS SUIVANTES: A) TOUR D'HORIZON DES ÉLECTIONS À VENIR; B) NOMBRE DE SIÈGES POUR LE WEOG SUR LE NOUVEAU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL D'EXPERTS SUR LES QUESTIONS LÉGALES ET FINANCIÈRES ET; C) SUR LA "VOCATION DU WEOG" À LA LUMIÈRE DE LA VOLONTÉ DU SECGEN DE RENCONTRER PLUS RÉGULIÈREMENT LES PRÉSIDENTS DES GROUPES RÉGIONAUX.

2. RAPPORT:

A) ELECTIONS À VENIR:

- i) COMMISSION SUR LE STATUT DE LA FEMME: 8 CANDIDATURES POUR 2 POSTES
- ITALIE CONFIRME SA CANDIDATURE ET L'AUTRICHE ANNONCE SON INTÉRÊT
- ii) COMMISSION SUR LE CRIME: 6 CANDIDATURES POUR 4 OUVERTURES.
- L'ITALIE CONFIRME SA CANDIDATURE
- iii) COMMISSION SUR LES STUPÉFIANTS: 5 CANDIDATURES POUR 1 SIÈGE AVEC LE RETRAIT DE L'ITALIE
- iv) COMITÉ SUR LES ONG: 6 CANDIDATURES POUR QUATRE SIÈGES AVEC LA CONFIRMATION DE L'INTÉRÊT DE LA G-B

A NOTER QUE LES ÉLECTIONS INITIALEMENT PRÉVUES À LA SESSION DU 12 ET 13 MAI DE L'ECOSOC SONT MAINTENANT DEVANCÉES AU 19 ET 20 AVRIL.

B) GROUPE INTERGOUVERNEMENTAL EN MATIÈRE LÉGALE ET FINANCIÈRE:

PLUSIEURS PAYS DONT LES U.S., U.K., L'AUTRICHE ET LA FRANCE (QUI AVAIT ÉTÉ À L'ORIGINE DE CE PROJET) ONT RÉAFFIRMÉ LE

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BESOIN D'UN MINIMUM DE 6 SIÈGES POUR LE WEOG EN CONFORMITÉ AVEC SON POIDS FINANCIER. SUITE À UNE INTERVENTION DU CANADA INDIQUANT QU'IL SERAIT UTILE, POUR LA NÉGOCIATION À VENIR, DE CONNAITRE LE NOMBRE DE CANDIDATS POTENTIELS, LES DELS DE ALLEMAGNE, DE G.B., D'ITALIE, DU DANEMARK, DE LA SUÈDE (AU PROFIT D'UN DES NORDIQUES) ET DE LA FRANCE ONT ANNONCÉ LEURS CANDIDATURES, EN PLUS DE L'INTÉRÊT MANIFESTÉ PAR CANADA. LE PRÉSIDENT DU WEOG A ÉTÉ INVITÉ À NÉGOCIER AVEC LES PRÉSIDENCES DES AUTRES GROUPES DE MANIÈRE À ÉVITER LE "DIKTAT" DU PRÉSIDENT DE L'AGNU.

C) **SUR LE RÔLE DU WEOG**, LA FRANCE À RÉITÉRÉ SON OPPOSITION À VOIR CE GROUPE S'OCCUPER D'AUTRES CHOSSES QUE D'ÉLECTIONS, MALGRÉ LES PROJETS DU SECGEN DE RÉUNIR CE GROUPE MENSUELLEMENT POUR TRAITER DE QUESTIONS DE SUBSTANCE, Y COMPRIS LES ORIENTATIONS À DONNER AUX GRANDES CONFÉRENCES À VENIR. PERSONNE NE S'EST OPPOSÉE À L'OBJECTION FRANÇAISE, PRÉCISANT QUE LE SECGEN DEVRAIT TROUVER D'AUTRES MODALITÉS DE CONSULTATIONS.

3. ENFIN, LA QUESTION DE SAVOIR SI LE WEOG NE DEVRAIT PAS SE REPOSER SUR UN COORDONNATEUR OU UN GARDIEN DE SES DOSSIERS, EST RESTÉE SANS ÉCHO.

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BACKGROUND: The resolution originally on "North-South Dialogue", subsequently amended to "Renewal of dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership", had its origins in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), currently chaired by Indonesia. This was unusual for UN economic initiatives, on which the G-77 traditionally represents developing countries as a group. It reflected the increasing inclination of the NAM to try to become more involved in issues outside the political and security sphere in order to stay relevant as an organisation in a changing world. Accordingly, NAM Coordinator Nana Sustresna in particular had been active prior to UNGA 48 to try to garner support for an initiative. Indeed, a draft resolution has first been discussed by the Indonesian not in NY, but in Jakarta. At this stage, the initiative was very much geared toward reactivating a 1970's style North-South dialogue. Prior to UNGA, the G-77 had been brought aboard the NAM initiative, but within the G-77 in NY there were divisions, principally on whether it would be wise to proceed with this initiative in light of a new focus on a UN "Agenda for Development" and more fundamentally on question as to whether it made sense to turn back the clock.

2. DEVELOPMENTS AT UNGA 48: By the time the initiative made it to New York, there had been a perceptible shift in its orientation and intent. In mid-Nov, the Perm Reps of Indonesia (for NAM) Colombia (for G-77) flogged their initiative to a number of important Perm Reps (including Canadian) -- and it became evidently apparent that many of the misgivings of some in the G-77 noted above were shared even more vehemently by key OECD missions. Indonesians followed-up by convening a meeting at the Perm Rep level. At that meeting, the Indonesian Perm Rep "clarified" intent of the resolution: it was not to reactivate a formal process of North-South dialogue, but rather to assist in developing a series of differentiated approaches for tackling development issues. The linkage to Agenda for Development was acknowledged and Indonesians said they were willing to demonstrate utmost flexibility; this flexibility was

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demonstrated on-the-spot by a willingness not to refer to "North-South" at all in the text. On these bases, OECD delts present at the meeting responded guardedly to positively -- not one dismissed resolution out of hand and all indicated a willingness to work with text. In this manner, the NAM proposal to reactivate the North-South dialogue was killed with kindness one fine afternoon in NY. It was subsequently replaced with a text that provides a useful context for an Agenda for Development.

3. Key positions: G-77 entrusted negotiations to Indonesia, which stayed true to its word and demonstrated great flexibility. Indeed, it was not apparent that Indonesia even had a bottom-line whatsoever, save to secure any resolution showing follow-up to the NAM initiative. OECD positions: Australia and NZ signed on as co-sponsors from the outset and were used by Indonesia at the beginning of negotiations to defend the most radical of the provisions contained in the resolution. Australia and NZ decision to co-sponsor was in large measure dictated by "regional considerations" (especially since negotiations were launched immediately prior to APEC Seattle meeting) and apparently by misgivings about G-7 decision not to meet with NAM chair during Tokyo summit. USA Perm Rep Albright had signalled at the outset that USA was prepared to be flexible on the initiative as it fit into "partnership" orientation of USA foreign policy. During negotiations themselves, however, USA took the hardest line save the EU. (Behind the scenes, USA had undertaken to co-sponsor the resolution if all its concerns were accommodated. This did not sit well with Europeans in particular who saw this "undertaking" as prejudging negotiations.) As noted the EU (especially the French) were the most skeptical about the initiative while the Nordics were relatively positively disposed but low-profile. Within this spectrum Canada and Japan could be typed in the middling ground of OECD perspectives -- we both sought a few meaningful amendments to the text in a spirit of cooperation. In the end, Canada, USA and Japan co-sponsored the text along with the G-77, NAM, China, ANZ and a handful of E Europe delts.

4. Negotiations: Against the above backdrop, following were key amendments sought by OECD countries: (a) inclusion of sustainable development and social aspects of economic agenda; (b) watering down of an implied hierarchy of global concerns which placed traditional G-77 macroeconomic agenda at the top; (c) removal of any implied reference to the North South dialogue and/or the "new international economic order"; (d) amendments to reflect that the UN did not have THE central role in promoting international cooperation for development; (e) increased emphasis on themes of "partnership", "interdependence" and "mutual interest"; (f) provisions to ensure that the initiative would support and not compete with nor adversely impact the Agenda for Development.

5. Assessment: Negotiations were prolonged but a constructive dynamic was maintained throughout. They also revealed some of the divisions which will no doubt emerge during substantive discussions on an Agenda for Development next year. These include: (a) some notable developing country heavyweights (Brazil in particular) emphasised that there was a distinction between "development" and "sustainable development"; the EU

pushed hardest against this effort to re-open the conceptual framework forged during UNCED; (b) the G-77 held strongly onto traditional components of their macroeconomic/development agenda and although it was keen to include a linkage to political/security contexts, it was reluctant to include social issues (latter sets off "sovereignty" alarm bells for some); (c) G-77 sought continuously to reinforce the role of the UN as the central actor in international cooperation for development (some envisage some sort of "economic security council" coming out of the Agenda for Development.

6. The final result simply calls for strengthened constructive dialogue and partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development and requests the Secretary General to present analysis and recommendation on ways to promote such a dialogue to the forty-ninth session. These recommendations are to take into account the ongoing work on an Agenda for Development. The backdrop includes practically every programme of action ever launched by the UN, with some prominence attached to UNCED. The Europeans believe that the NAM initiative will result in very little. However, we see that the initiative provides a basis for an intergovernmental element to the Agenda for Development. While this would likely have been a feature of the Agenda anyway, the resolution provides a good basis and context. In this regard, the concluding statement by the Indonesian Perm Rep on the adoption of the resolution is notable. The resolution was viewed in the statement as achieving the following: (a) giving new impetus to dialogue on international cooperation for development on the basis of a new approach with emphasises mutual interest and benefits, genuine interdependence and shared responsibility and partnership; (b) diversity of co-sponsors sends a signal that the time has come for all countries to work together to forge a new compact through partnership for addressing the issues of development; (c) providing a basis for the Secretary General to elaborate relevant themes within the context of the Agenda for Development to facilitate dialogue on promoting international cooperation for development. On this basis, in the end the initiative hit all the right notes as the UN's economic and social sphere gears up to focus more intensely on the Agenda for Development.

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---WEOG MEETING: UNDP AND UNICEF ELECTIONS/OTHER ELECTIONS
HAVE DISCUSSED UNDP AND UNICEF ELECTIONS MATTER WITH CIDA BASED ON
YOUR INFORMATIVE TELEX.

2. WE DO NOT/NOT HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN
YOUR TEL. UNDERSTAND THAT CIDA WLD LIKE MISSION TO SIGNAL CANADA'S
CANDIDACY FOR BOTH UNDP AND UNICEF ELECTIONS WITHIN WEOG AT MOST
APPROPRIATE TIME. WE CONCUR.

3. AS DISCUSSED, WLD LIKE TO CONFIRM OUR AGREEMENT WITH YOUR
ASSESSMENT OF PREFERENCE OF SIX SEATS VS FIVE SEATS FOR WEOG FOR
THE EXPERT GROUP FOR THE UN DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL ON BUDGETARY
MATTERS.

4. HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CONCERNED DIVISIONS CANDIDACIES YOU HAVE
OUTLINED FOR OTHER ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES HAVING ELECTIONS IN
MAY94. UNLESS ^{*you*} ~~WE~~ HEAR OTHERWISE, PLS PROCEED WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS
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RÉSUMÉ: UNE RÉUNION DU GROUPE WEOG A EU LIEU DANS L'AVANT-MIDI DU 18 JANVIER, PRINCIPALEMENT AFIN DE DISCUTER DES ÉLECTIONS PROCHAINES AUX CONSEILS D'ADMINISTRATION DU PNUD ET D'UNICEF. IL A ÉGALEMENT ÉTÉ QUESTION DE LA PRÉSIDENTE DE L'ÉCOSOC, DE LA MISE EN PLACE D'UN GROUPE D'EXPERTS POUR L'ÉTUDE DE LA MISE EN PLACE D'UN TRIBUNAL DISCIPLINAIRE EN MATIÈRE BUDGÉTAIRE, AINSI QUE DES AUTRES ÉLECTIONS QUI AURONT LIEU EN MAI PROCHAIN.

2. EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE PNUD ET L'UNICEF, LA PRÉSIDENTE BRITANNIQUE EN EST VENUE À LA CONCLUSION, APRÈS AVOIR ENTENDU LES POSITIONS DE CHACUN (QUI NE FAISAIENT PAS PREUVE DE LA FLEXIBILITÉ REQUISE), QUE LE TEMPS NOUS MANQUAIT POUR S'ENTENDRE SUR UN SYSTÈME DE ROTATION DES SIÈGES DE WEOG. NOUS TÂCHERONS DONC PLUTÔT DE S'ENTENDRE SUR LES 12 CANDIDATS WEOG QUI SERONT ÉLUS LORS DES DEUX PROCHAINES ÉLECTIONS (SOIT UNE EN FÉVRIER POUR L'ENSEMBLE DES DOUZE SIÈGES ET UNE SECONDE EN MAI POUR LES QUATRE MEMBRES QUI N'AURONT ÉTÉ ÉLUS QUE POUR UN AN). LES MEMBRES DU GROUPE SONT APPELÉS À INFORMER LA PRÉSIDENTE DE LEUR INTENTION DE PORTER LEUR CANDIDATURE À L'UN OU L'AUTRE DE CES ORGANES. NOUS NOUS APPRÊTONS À SIGNIFIER NOTRE INTENTION DE NOUS PORTER CANDIDAT POUR LES DEUX (QUITE À RÉVISER CETTE POSITION À LA LUMIÈRE DES DÉROULEMENTS AU COURS DES PROCHAINS JOURS).

3. APPRÉCIERIONS VOS VUES SUR LA STRATÉGIE QUE DEVRAIT SUIVRE LE CANADA POUR CES ÉLECTIONS: TENTER L'ÉLECTION IMMÉDIATE AUX DEUX CONSEILS OU AXER NOTRE CAMPAGNE SUR LE PNUD. IL POURRAIT ÊTRE AVISÉ DE REPORTER D'UN AN NOTRE ÉLECTION À L'UNICEF ET D'AINSI CONCENTRER SUR LE PNUD (NOTRE ÉLECTION À L'UNICEF AURAIT ALORS LIEU AU MOIS DE MAI POUR UN MANDAT QUI DÉBUTERAIT, SI LA PROPOSITION DU SECRÉTARIAT EST SUIVIE, LE 1ER JANVIER 1995). SI LE GROUPE PARVIENT À UNE ENTENTE AU SUJET DES DEUX PREMIÈRES

Lead to start comparison how do we want to play UNICEF
election in Feb for 12 seats and second election in May for 4 membs would not have been scheduled for a year.

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Subject: WEOG meeting: preliminary comments

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Alain,

This informal message summarizes our exchanges of COSICS messages, voicemail and telephone conversations concerning the WEOG meeting at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 6 and summarizes our views on a number of the elections which will be discussed there. It is also a preliminary answer to your WKGR-1487 of December 20, 1993 raising a number of issues in a CANZ context. c-7

We discussed all these issues in a meeting at CIDA yesterday attended by nearly all interested players. CIDA is planning to have a telegram ready to send out tonight. We are to see it in draft first, but have not yet received it. Once we do, we will put whatever of the following is still relevant into a more formal instruction; Philip MacKinnon has seen these comments in draft.

You mentioned that you will be meeting the UK at 1630 today and CANZ partners either very late today or first thing tomorrow before the WEOG meeting.

For the reasons you have outlined in your telegram on the CANZ, we agree that Canada should not seek agreement with CANZ partners on the rotation of seats on the UNDP or UNICEF. We would, however, prefer that you break this news to CANZ partners before telling the UK or others.

The UK Deputy High Commissioner called on IMU on December 21, 1993 to present a note announcing the UK's candidature to the new UNDP Exec Bd. He also left a bout de papier stating that the UK supports adoption by WEOG of a rotational system for long-term representation on the UNDP and UNICEF Boards. He did not provide details. We understand that the UK floated but then withdrew a draft of a system of rotation which tended to favour major contributors. You should indicate our support for an agreed rotation.

On the CSD, you may indicate to our CANZ partners that we do not agree with the proposal made to you in October and repeated to IMD on November 25, 1993. You outlined in your telegram the

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reasons why. You may indicate that Canadiam membership on the CSD in 1997 is a **sine qua non** of any agreed rotation. The division of seats should be on a basis of Canada 3, Australia 2, New Zealand 1. We would be prepared to consider minor variances from this pattern if, in order to allow a WEOG consensus, CANZ had to give up a seat on a pattern similar to that enshrined in the 1973 "Gentlemen's Agreement on ECOSOC".

We consider that your proposal on the sharing of ECOSOC seats among Australia, Malta and Canada represents the best solution to the entire problem. We regret, however, that we cannot give you a firm authority to commit to it yet, because we are not yet sure that CIDA has digested the point that it might have us off ECOSOC at the time of elections to UNICEF and UNDP Boards (and Alex Volkoff whose draft telegram we are awaiting is unavailable this afternoon). Your message did not go to IMH, so by copy of this message, we are alerting IMH that we might also be off ECOSOC for the 1997 CHR election. Once we have heard from CIDA, we will be consulting IFB on the entire ECOSOC issue.

At the end of yesterday's meeting, it was not yet clear how many Boards CIDA was proposing we contest and which priority to attach to each of the four (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP). You should therefore endeavour to reserve our position pending receipt of instructions.

Yesterday's meeting agreed that it was important not to be stampeded by the Secretariat into early elections. We found the possible date of January 25 alarming and would appreciate any efforts you can exert to have the date pushed back into February.

Regards
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---COLOMBIA ENDS G77 PRESIDENCY WITH A BANG

WHAT MAKES A FAIRLY NONASSUMING, RELATIVELY CAUTIOUS COUNTRY IN FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH MATCHING CONSERVATIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES CRITICIZE THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND CALL FAIRLY ENERGETICALLY FOR CONSIDERABLE CHANGES. WHY NONE OTHER THAN THE PASSING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL BATON IN THE G77.

2. WE WERE THEREFORE NOT SURPRISED TO READ THAT AT THE G77 CEREMONY IN NEW YORK THAT FOREIGN MINISTER NOEMI SANIN HAD DENOUNCED THE POLICIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TOWARDS A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ISSUES. HER MAIN THEME WAS THAT WHILE IN GENERAL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EVINCE SYMPATHY FOR THE ASPIRATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN FACT THESE ARE TREATED WITH INDIFFERENCE OR WORSE.

3. EXAMPLES SHE USED WHERE THE ASPIRATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT INCLUDE THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS, THE DEBT CRISIS, THE REORIENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

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4. EARLIER IN AN ADDRESS AT HARVARD THE MINISTRA HAD SAID THAT HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY) AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WERE THE TWO PILLARS OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL AGZND. BUT SHE SAID THAT LITTLE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THESE AREAS OF INTERDEPENDENCE IF THE DEVELOPED WORLD WAS NOT MORE FORTHCOMING IN REFORMING WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURES PARTICULARLY IN OPZNING UP ITS MARKETS TO THIRD WORLD PRODUCTS. SHE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND EQUALITY OF THE SEXES IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

5. WITH THE PASSING OF ITS G77 RESPONSIBILITIES OFF TO ALGZRIA (PERHAPS A BLESSING GIVEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRMNY TO HAVE BEEN COLOMBIAS VERY MIXED PERFORMANCE IN THIS ROLE), WE EXPZCT COLOMBIAN STATEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO TAKE ON THE MORE TRADITIONALLY POSITIVZ AND COOPERATIVE TONE, MORE LIKE THE MINISTERIAL SPEECH AT HARVARD THAN BEFORE THE G77. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A CONTINUING STRONG COLOMBIAN EMPHASIS ON FREE TRADE AND REDUCING PROTECTIONISM, PARTICULARLY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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Preambular Paragraph 4.

Convinced that universal peace, security and prosperity cannot be fully achieved in the absence of sustainable development and improvements in international economic relations,

economic and social (Brazil)

Preambular Paragraph 5.

Bearing in mind the interlinkages of economic problems and between economic and social aspects of development, and being aware that among the most compelling challenges facing the world community are the acceleration of development, eradication of poverty, and the need to address disparities among countries and to forge genuine international economic cooperation and partnership for sustainable development.] - *Brazil delete*

Preambular Paragraph 6.

Reaffirming that the United Nations has a central role in promoting international cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community,

Preambular Paragraph 7.

Noting the role of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in encouraging all countries to engage in constructive dialogue for advancing the development and in facilitating their efforts in that regard,

Preambular Paragraph 9.

Further convinced of the importance of continuing to build upon the spirit of cooperation and partnership for development through constructive dialogue among all countries, in particular between developed and developing countries, for the purpose of promoting an international economic environment conducive to sustainable development,

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Operative Paragraph 1.

Reaffirms the need to strengthen constructive dialogue and partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for sustainable development,

Operative Paragraph 2.

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Reaffirming further that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence and shared responsibilities, and that the United Nations system should play a central role in facilitating such dialogue;

Operative Paragraph 3.

Reaffirms that UN has a central

~~Reiterates the important role of the United Nations~~ in promoting international cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community;

Operative Paragraph 4.

Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General-Assembly at its forty-ninth session, an analysis and recommendations on ways and means to promote such dialogue, reflecting the on-going work on an Agenda for Development, and taking into account the progress achieved in the implementation of the commitments referred to in the eighth preambular paragraph.

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MERCI POUR TELEGRAMME EN REF QUI CONSTITUE ANALYSE COMPLETE,
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DU GROUPE LATINO-AMERICAIN, Y COMPRIS INDIVIDUELLEMENT, AU SEIN
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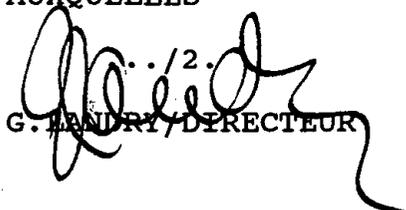
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(A)D'ABORD IL EST EXACT DE RECONNAITRE QUE RECENTE EMANCIPATION
DEMOCRATIQUE DANS HEMISPHERE, ALLIEE A UN PROCESSUS DE REFORME
ECONOMIQUE PARTICULIEREMENT PROMETTEUR DANS CERTAINS CAS

(CHILI/ARGENTINE/MEXIQUE NOTAMMENT), SEMBLANT A LA BASE D'UN
ACTIVISME MULTILATERAL ACCRU, VOIR MEME D'UNE NOUVELLE OUVERTURE
SUR LE MONDE. CE QUI EST EN JEU, C'EST UN CERTAIN PROCESSUS
D'ADAPTATION A CETTE NOUVELLE REALITE ET A LA GESTION QUI EN
DECOULE DES AFFAIRES MULTILATERALES INTERNATIONALES EN
GENERAL.BIEN QUE CONSTATONS NETTE PROPENSION A PRIVILEGIER
ORGANISMES REGIONAUX (EN PARTICULIER OEA), PAYS LATINO-AMERICAINS
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S'ASSOCIER ET DE NOUVEAUX ENJEUX AUXQUELS ILS PEUVENT S'ATTAQUER PLUS FRANCHEMENT. QUESTIONS DE SECURITE, DE DESARMEMENT, DE COOPERATION ECONOMIQUE ET MEME DE DROITS DE LA PERSONNE SONT DES EXEMPLES ET NU FOURNISSENT SCENE TRES PERTINENTE POUR CE FAIRE.

(B) D'AUTRE PART CONSTATONS QUE AFFINITES PAR BLOCS IDEOLOGIQUES(G-77 OU NON-ALIGNES PLUS PARTICULIEREMENT) ET PARTICIPATION DES LATAM DANS CEUX-CI S'EFFRITENT LENTEMENT MAIS SUREMENT. EN LIEU ET PLACE, SEMBLONS ASSISTER A DIVERS PROCESSUS D'ASSOCIATION, CERTES PLUS FONCTIONNELLE, QUI TENDENT TOUS A STIMULER DAVANTAGE DE COOPERATION ET UNE INTEGRATION CIT REGIONALE FINCIT ACCRUE. A CE TITRE GROUPE DE RIO, PACTE ANDIN, G-3 ET MERCOSUR (ET POURQUOI PAS SOMMET IBERO-AMERICAIN) SONT A DES DEGRES DIVERS REPRESENTATIFS DE CETTE TENDANCE AVEC LAQUELLE IL NOUS FAUDRA EGALEMENT COMPOSER.

3.CE QUI PRECEDE ET OBJECTIFS DE STRATEGIE CDNE EN AMERIQUE LATINE SEMBLENT NOTAMMENT SUGGERER TROIS PISTES A DEVELOPPER. (A) COMME LE SOULIGNAIT AMB HUBERT DANS SON ITERVENTION LORS AG DE MANAGUA SUR COOPERATION ONU-OEA, NU SONT ORGANISATION CIT GLOBALE FINCIT A LAQUELLE CHACUN DE NOS PAYS PARTICIPE ALORS QUE OEA EST CIT NOTRE INSTITUTION FINCIT, CELLE DES PAYS DE HEMISPHERE. NONOBTANT TRIBULATIONS ONU-OEA AUTOUR DU DOSSIER HAITIEN ET

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RETICENCE TRES PERSONNALISEE DU SECGEN BAENA, NECESSITE S'IMPOSE DE JETER LES BASES D'UNE PLUS GRANDE COOPERATION ENTRE DEUX INSTITUTIONS ET SURTOUT D'UNE MEILLEURE UTILISATION DES EXPERTISES RESPECTIVES. PREREQUIS EST SANS DOUTE DEMONSTRATION QU'EN CE FAISANT, TELLE COOP N'ENLEVE RIEN A L'OEА, NE COMPROMETTRA PAS SA SOUVERAINETE, MAIS AU CONTRAIRE LA VALORISERA. SUGGESTION D'UNE RENCONTRE EVENTUELLE ENTRE AMBASSADEURS DE ONU-OEA SERAIT SUSCEPTIBLE DE JETER BASES D'UNE DYNAMIQUE COOPERATIVE NOUVELLE ET DE PRECISER ENJEUX OU QUESTIONS SUR LESQUELLES CONCERTATION ET APPORTS RESPECTIFS SONT POSSIBLES. (B) BILATERALEMENT, ET SURTOUT PAR RAPPORT AUX PAYS AVEC LESQUELS AVONS AMORCES PROCESSUS CIT D'AGENDA-BUILDING FINCIT, IL IMPORTE MAINTENANT DE PRENDRE AVANTAGE DE LEUR INTERET POUR AFFAIRES ONUSIENNES ET DE DEVELOPPER COOPERATION SPECIFIQUE SUR ENJEUX D'IMPORTANCE POUR CDA. EN BREF UTILISER LE MULTILATERAL POUR DES FINS BILATERALES. C'EST PARTICULIEREMENT CAS AVEC MEXIQUE AVEC LEQUEL AURONS, FIN AOUT, CONSULTATIONS BILATERALES SUR ONU. C'EST LE CAS EGALEMENT AVEC ARGENTINE ET D'AUTRES ENCORE AVEC LESQUELS TENTONS D'ETABLIR DES PONTS SUR QUESTIONS ONUSIENNES, LE TOUT AU PROFIT DE RELATION BILATERALE. (C) ENFIN, IL NOUS SERA ESSENTIEL D'ETABLIR DES LIENS AVEC GROUPES OU ENTITES REGIONALES OU SOUS-REGIONALES. CECI EXPLIQUE IDEE QU'EXPLORIONS IL Y A QUELQUES SEMAINES DE CIT FORMALISER FINCIT DAVANTAGE NOTRE DIALOGUE

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AVEC GROUPE DE RIO, UN TANT SOIT PEU SOUS LE MODE DES
CONSULTATIONS QU'AVONS AVEC PRESIDENCE EUROPEENNE. CECI DONNERAIT
SIGNAL TRES CLAIR QUANT A CREDIBILITE QU'ACCORDONS AU GROUPE EN
PLUS DE NOUS POSITIONNER UTILEMENT. EN CE SENS RENCONTRE
TRADITIONNELLE DE SEPT AVEC GROUPE, EN MARGE DE AG, POURRAIT ETRE
REPENSEE, EN PARTICULIER DANS SON FORMAT ET SES OBJECTIFS.

4. ENFIN, DEUX FACTEURS APPELLENT DAVANTAGE DE REFLEXION: (A)
POLITIQUE AMERICAINE ENCORE EN VOIE DE DEFINITION PAR RAPPORT A
AMERIQUE LATINE ET (b) IMPORTANCE STRATEGIQUE DU CONSEIL DE
SECURITE DANS MECANIQUE ONUSIENNE. CE DERNIER POINT SUGGERE
EGALEMENT QU'ENGAGIONS DIALOGUE BILATERAL SUIVI AVEC PAYS LATINO-
AMERICAINS QUI Y SERONT PRESENTS (CHOSE ACQUISE DANS CAS D'
ARGENTINE).

5. BILAN QUE DRESSE VOTRETEL EST CELUI DU CHANGEMENT QUE
CONSTATONS EN AMERIQUE LATINE. APPROCHES QUE SUGGERONS PARA 3 SE
VEULENT QUELQUES MOYENS POSSIBLES D'EN TIRER PROFIT. DEMEURERONS,
IL VA SANS DIRE, OUVERTS A VOS REACTIONS SUR VOIES ET MOYENS
D'ALLER ENCORE PLUS LOIN DANS CETTE COOPERATION AVEC AMERIQUE
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---LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AT THE UN

SUMMARY: THE THIRTY FOUR UN MEMBERS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN GROUP TRADITIONALLY HAVE SEEN THEIR INTERESTS AT THE UNITED
NATIONS AS THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT CLOSELY ALIGNED

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POLITICALLY WITH EITHER OF THE TWO COLD-WAR POWER BLOCS. WITH THE THE SHIFT BY MOST LARGER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DEMOCRACY AND MORE MARKET-ORIENTED ECONOMIC POLICIES, THEIR PREVIOUS ORIENTATION IS EVOLVING. MEMBERS SUCH AS VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA, CHILE AND THE CARICOM STATES ADOPT APPROACHES ON MANY UN ISSUES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF CANADA. OTHERS CONTINUE TO BE HIGHLY PROTECTIVE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BUT SIGNS OF MORE PRAGMATIC BEHAVIOUR ARE MULTIPLYING.

2. REPORT: THE FOLLOWING ARE FACTORS WHICH HAVE LONG MARKED THE LATIN AMERICAN MINDSET AT THE UN: CONCERN ABOUT THE INFLUENCE OF THE USA IN THE HEMISPHERE; A PREFERENCE TO STICK TOGETHER AS A GROUP; MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) (FOR MOST) AND G-77 (FOR ALL) INFLUENCING THEIR POSTNS ON MANY ISSUES; STRONG SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL APPROACHES TO ISSUES AND PROBLEMS.

3. LARGER RIO GROUP STATES (ESP BRAZIL, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA) HAVE AN UNCOMFORTABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SMALLER CARICOM AND CENTRAL AMERICAN MEMBERS. THIS IS PARTLY DUE TO THE TENDENCY OF RIO GROUP MEMBERS TO USE THEIR WEIGHT TO WIN ELECTIONS TO UN BODIES, LEAVING SMALLER STATES FEELING BRUISED AND IS ALSO THE RESULT OF THE THINLY VEILED CONVICTION OF RIO GROUP MEMBERS THAT THEIR VIEWS SHOULD CARRY GREATER WEIGHT THAN THOSE OF SMALLER STATES. SOME RIO GROUP MEMBERS TEND TO SCORN WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE

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LACK PROFESSIONALISM OF THE THINLY-STRETCHED SMALLER MISSIONS FROM THE REGION.

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4. MANY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ARE MEMBERS OF THE NAM AND PASSIVELY REFLECT ITS POSITIONS (REGRETTABLY OFTEN SHAPED BY A FEW OF ITS MORE RADICAL MEMBERS, CURRENTLY INCLUDING CUBA AND COLOMBIA), PARTICULARLY WHERE THEY HAVE NO STRONG VIEWS OF THEIR OWN. HOWEVER, AT NAM SUMMIT IN JKRTA LAST SEPTEMBER, PERM REP NOTED THAT LATAMS, WITH EXCEPTION OF CUBA, PLAYED A LOW-PROFILE ROLE. THIS LIMITED COMMITMENT TO NAM POSTNS IS OFTEN REFLECTED AT THE UN. FOR EXAMPLE, VENEZUELA (CURRENT SC MEMBER) HAS TAKEN POSITIONS ON SC ISSUES DURING THE LAST YEAR THAT ARE MORE PRAGMATIC AND WESTERN-ORIENTED THAN THOSE OF MANY IN THE NAM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EX-YUGO ISSUES ON WHICH VENEZ PERM REP ARRIA HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN SEEN AS PLAYING PERSONALLY TO MEDIA GALLERIES BY CRITICIZING IMMODERATELY P-4 APPROACHES. ARGENTINAS RECENT DEPARTURE FROM THE NAM ALLOWS IT GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ITS POSITIONS ON PEACE-KEEPING, DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE TWO BIGGEST REGIONAL STATES, MEXICO AND BRAZIL, ARE OBSERVERS RATHER THAN NAM MEMBERS.

5. INCREASINGLY, LATIN AMERICAN STATES HAVE DIVERGENT VIEWS ON

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SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) ACTIVITIES. COLOMBIA AND CUBA, DURING THEIR RECENT TERMS ON THE COUNCIL, JOINED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NAM IN THE QUOTE GANG OF FOUR UNQUOTE TO RESIST SC INITIATIVES, ESPECIALLY DURING THE GULF CRISIS, THAT WENT AGAINST TRADITIONAL NAM POSITIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERVENTION. DURING RECENT GA DEBATE COLOMBIA PROPOSED CREATION OF UN BODY TO REVIEW CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SC ACTIONS. IN CONTRAST, VENEZUELA HAS PLAYED A LEADING AND PROGRESSIVE ROLE ON UN INVOLVEMENT IN HAITI CRISIS. ARGENTINA, WHICH WILL SUCCEED VENEZUELA IN 1994, CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A BROADLY SIMILAR APPROACH.

6. BRAZIL, ELECTED TO SC SEAT FOR 1993-94, HAS GENERALLY ADOPTED A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE, THUS CONTRADICTING PREDICTIONS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT ONCE IT SETTLED IN. ITS GREATEST ASSET ARE IMPRESSIVE (ALTHOUGH CAUTIOUS) PERM REP SARDENBERG AND HIS EXCELLENT DEPUTY, LUIZ ARAUJO CASTRO. BRAZIL CONTINUES TO BE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE ON THE SITUATIONS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE - FELLOW LUSOPHONE STATES.

7. ON SC REFORM, MANY LATIN AMERICAN STATES ARE CRITICAL OF THE VETO POWER OF THE CURRENT PERMANENT MEMBERS. THE MEXICANS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN AMBIVALENT ABOUT THE COUNCIL, TO THE POINT OF FOREGOING MEMBERSHIP. (THEIR CURRENT CONCERN OVER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ARISES FROM DELICATE NAFTA NEGS INVOLVING USA, WITH WHOM THEY WLD BE

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LOATH TO CLASH ON SC.) THEY ARE SKEPTICAL AT BEST ABOUT THE IDEA OF ENLARGING THE COUNCIL AND PARTICULARLY SO ABOUT ANY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT MEMBERS. BRAZIL, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD WELCOME A REFORM THAT GAVE IT A PERMANENT SEAT IT THINKS IT DESERVES. CUBA USEFULLY CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF TRANSPARENCY DURING ITS LAST PERIOD ON THE COUNCIL. ARGENTINAS POSITION ON SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM IS SIMILAR TO CANADAS, (I.E. FOCUSED ON SC EFFECTIVENESS, WITH DESIRE FOR GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO SIT ON COUNCIL ITSELF). SMALLER STATES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA APPEAR TO SUPPORT EXPANSION OF THE COUNCIL, BUT WITHOUT MUCH ENTHUSIASM, SINCE THEY SELDOM ARE ELECTED TO IT, DO NOT FORESEE THAT ADDTL SEATS WLD REDOUND TO THEIR BENEFIT, AND DO NOT HAVE MUCH DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ITS ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT RECENTLY ON HAITI.

8. IN PRACTICE, THE LATIN AMERICANS ARE INCREASINGLY COMFORTABLE WITH UNS EXPANDING ROLE IN PEACE-KEEPING AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS PROVIDED THEY HAVE SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATES. CURRENT LATIN INVOLVEMENTS IN PEACE-KEEPING INCLUDE: FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA), EL SALVADOR (MEXICO, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA); CAMBODIA (ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, URUGUAY), WESTERN SAHARA (HONDURAS, VENEZUELA), ANGOLA (BRAZIL, COLOMBIA), MOZAMBIQUE (URUGUAY), IRAQ-KUWAIT (VENEZUELA). (COLOMBIA ALSO HAS AN OBSERVER BATTALION IN THE SINAI.) LATAM PARTICIPATION IN ...7

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SPECIAL CTTEE ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS (CTTEE OF 34) IS ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY ARE THE LEADERS HERE, BUT MEXICO AND BRAZIL ALSO FIELDING HIGH LEVEL AND STRONG TEAMS WITH EXCELLENT SUBSTANTIVE INPUT.

9. HOWEVER, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, ALTHOUGH CURRENTLY ON THE COUNCIL AND OFTEN SUPPORTIVE OF A MORE ACTIVE STANCE, HAVE NOT COME FORWARD WITH ADDITIONAL OFFERS OF PEACE-KEEPERS WHERE THEY ARE URGENTLY NEEDED IN BOSNIA AND SOMALIA. (BRAZIL IS THOUGHT TO BE KEEPING SOME SPARE CAPACITY IN RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE DEPLOYMENT TO ANGOLA.) THE PARTICIPATION OF MEXICAN CIVILIAN POLICE IN ONUSAL IS NOTABLE BECAUSE IT IS MEXICO'S FIRST PEACE-KEEPING VENTURE. MEXICAN DEPT. PERM REP TELLS US THAT INTERPRETATION OF MEXICAN CONSTITUTION INHIBITING PARTICIPATION IN PKOS IS CURRENTLY UNDER GROWING ATTACK WITHIN GOVT. WITH JPN AND GERMANY NOW PARTICIPATING IN PKOS, MEXICAN NON-INVOLVEMENT IS BECOMING AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MEXICAN DEL HERE. HE SEEMED TO BELIEVE MOVEMENT ON THIS QUESTION IN MEXICO WLD COME SOONER RATHER THAN LATER (IE IN YEARS RATHER THAN DECADES).

10. LATIN AMERICANS TEND TO FAVOUR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS. MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA TAKE SATISFACTION IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE PROCESS AND ARE AMONG ITS STRONGEST BACKERS. THESE THREE, WITH SPAIN, FORMED THE ORIGINAL

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CONTACT GROUPS FACILITATING PEACE PROCESSES IN EL SALVADOR (FRIENDS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL) AND GUATEMALA (FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT). ONLY VENEZUELA IS A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON HAITI.

11. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UN AND OAS: MOST GRULAC REPS HERE WISH PROMINENCE TO BE GIVEN AT THE UN TO THE ROLE OF THE OAS, AS WAS DEMONSTRATED RECENTLY BY NEGS OVER THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESLN ON HAITI. INTERACTION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGS HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY. BOUTROS GHALI AND BAENA SOARES DO NOT GET ALONG WELL. NEVERTHELESS, AT BOUTROS GHALIS SUGGESTION THEY AGREED ON A COMMON SPECIAL REP FOR HAITI, THE DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE DANTE CAPUTO (FORMER FM OF ARGENTINA). ATTEMPTS BY OAS SEC GEN BAENA SOARES TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN THE TWO ORGS OVER HAITI HAVE BEEN STYMIED BY MEMBER STATES (SEE FINE REPORTS FROM WDOAS). THUS, IN PRACTISE, COOP BETWEEN UN AND OAS SEC GENS IS GOOD, AS EXEMPLIFIED ON THE GROUND BY THE JOINT OAS-UN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING MISSION IN HAITI. GRULAC MEMBERS AT THE UN POINT TO THE ABILITY OF OAS AND UN TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS CONCRETE GOALS AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER REGIONAL ORGS.

12. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NYORK ON THE HAITI CRISIS CONFIRM A TREND TOWARD GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND PRAGMATISM AMONG THE LATIN AMERICANS ON PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE HEMISPHERE (BUILDING ON THE

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STRONG OAS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS). THE SALIENT INSTANCE WAS THE AGREEMENT WITHIN GRULAC TO SUPPORT SC ACTION AND TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING OF THE RELEVANT SC RESLN, EVEN THOUGH A MINORITY HAD DEEP CONCERNS ABOUT THE LEGAL PROPRIETY OF THE SC ACTION. IT WAS A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT TO SECURE AGREEMENT IN THE REGION FOR SC INTERVENTION ON THE BASIS OF CHAPTER VII, HOWEVER QUALIFIED AND CIRCUMSCRIBED AS A UNIQUE CASE. IN FACT, MANY LATINS WERE PLEASED TO SEE USA ADVOCATING MULTILATERAL ACTION ON AN ISSUE WITH WHICH THEY WOULD FORMERLY HAVE DEALT ON UNILATERAL BASIS.

DISARMAMENT

13. AMONG THE LATINS, MEXICO HAS A STRONG TRADITION OF INVOLVEMENT IN DISARMAMENT ISSUES EVER SINCE THE AWARD OF THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE TO GARCIA ROBLES SOME YEARS AGO. LIKE INDIA, THE MEXICANS ARE STRONG PROPONENTS OF A GLOBAL APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT -- GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AS OPPOSED TO REGIONAL OR SECTORAL APPROACHES -- AS EMBODIED IN THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978.

14. ALTHOUGH BRAZIL IS NOT YET A NPT SIGNATORY, IN RECENT YEARS, THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE HAVE TAKEN AN INCREASINGLY RESPONSIBLE APPROACH IN INTERNATIONAL ARMS CONTROL FORA.

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IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE NEGOTIATED SUB-REGIONAL AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS. ARGENTINA, HAVING LEFT THE NAM, IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF DEMOCRATICALLY ORIENTED STATES (GODOS), THE NEW, WIDER ARMS CONTROL DISCUSSION GROUP IN NEW YORK MODELED ON THE OLDER (BUT STILL EXTANT) BARTON GROUP. RECENTLY, BRAZIL AND CDA HAVE BEEN COOPERATING CLOSELY ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFERS, ON WHICH IDX HAS BEEN PLAYING A MEDIATING ROLE.

15. RECENTLY, COLOMBIA, MINDFUL OF ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH HEAVILY ARMED GUERRILLAS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS, HAS PUSHED STRONGLY FOR INNATL ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL ILLEGAL ARMS TRANSFERS. IT WANTS TO GO BEYOND CURRENT CONVENTIONAL ARMS REGISTER AND IS PROMOTING A UN STUDY OF THE ILLEGAL ARMS TRADE.

HUMAN RIGHTS

16. TRADITIONALLY AT THE UN, LATIN AMERICANS HAVE EXHIBITED REGIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF FELLOW LATINOS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. LONG-TIME LATIN COMPLAINT HAS BEEN THAT THE REGION HAS BEEN UNFAIRLY SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM AT UN HUMAN RIGHTS MEETINGS. THIS SENSITIVITY PERSISTS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT AS DEMONSTRATED ON ISSUES SUCH AS CENTRAL AMERICA, WHERE LATAMS HAVE PURSUED A SOFTER APPROACH TO EL SALVADOR AND GTMLA THAN WEOG WOULD

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HAVE PREFERRED. AT CHR THIS TENDENCY MANIFESTS ITSELF IN PUSHES TO AVOID ITEM 12 TREATMENT OF THOSE COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THE PERCEIVED PEJORATIVE IMPLICATION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM. THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CUBA PRESENTS A SPECIAL PROBLEM FOR THE LATINS, AS THEY ARE INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO DEFEND CUBAS HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE WHILE ALSO WISHING TO AVOID, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, CUBAS ISOLATION. IN KEEPING WITH STRONG VIEWS OF SEVERAL GRULAC MEMBERS OVER SOVEREIGNTY AND ALSO IN LINE WITH THEIR PREFERENCE FOR REGIONAL APPROACHES, WHEN WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO CHR AND UNGA HAVE SUGGESTED THAT LATINS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES ON SPECIFIC SITUS IN OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, MOST HAVE SHOWN A RELUCTANCE TO DO SO, CLAIMING THAT AS THE STATES IN QUESTION WERE NOT IN THE REGION, IT WAS NOT THEIR CONCERN.

17. HOWEVER, THE AREA IS FAR FROM PRESENTING A MONOLITHIC FRONT. A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN STATES OFFER CONSIDERABLY MORE SUPPORT FOR WEOG POSITIONS ON HRTS ISSUES THAN ASIAN OR AFRICAN STATES. THIS WAS ILLUSTRATED DRAMATICALLY AT 1992 CHR WHEN MORE MODERATE LATINS SUCH AS ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE AND VENEZUELA WEIGHED IN TO SPEAK ELOQUENTLY FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AGAINST AN ASIAN PROPOSAL FOR A REDUCTION IN THE LENGTH OF THE TERMS OF THEMATIC RAPORTEURS. BRAZIL AND OTHER LATINS PLAYED A MEDIATING ROLE AT THE INNATL HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA.

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LEGAL ISSUES

18. THE LATIN AMERICANS HAVE A STRONG LEGAL TRADITION AND THEY SEND TO THEIR UN DELEGATIONS STRONG LAWYERS WHO PUT THEIR POINTS FORCEFULLY AND COMMAND WIDESPREAD RESPECT. HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE ON MANY PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE PAST, THE LATIN AMERICANS TEND TO ADOPT NARROWLY DEFINED POSITIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF A MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH. THIS CAN RESULT FROM A CONSTITUTIONALIST MINDSET AND CONCERNS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY, STEMMING AT LEAST IN PART FROM THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USA. IN THE SC, BRAZIL WAS THE MOST DUBIOUS ON THE RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHED THE AD HOC TRIBUNAL ON WAR CRIMES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND ON HAITI SANCTIONS, BASING ITS OBJECTIONS ON QUESTIONS OF LAW AND SOVEREIGNTY. ALSO, SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICANS WERE AMONG THE MOST RELUCTANT TO ENCOURAGE THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION TO ELABORATE THE STATUTE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.

ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

19. THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP PLAYS A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE G-77 AT WORKING LEVEL NOT MERELY BECAUSE COLOMBIA IS CURRENTLY CHAIR BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR LONG-STANDING LEADERSHIP (DATING BACK TO PREBISCH

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AND CREATION OF UNCTAD). THE KEY GRULAC ACTORS IN G-77 ARE COLOMBIA, MEXICO, CUBA, BRAZIL, PERU AND ARGENTINA. HERE AGAIN, THE PRINCIPLE OF LATIN SOLIDARITY IS A POWERFUL FORCE. NEVERTHELESS, DATED RHETORIC OF COLOMBIAN PERM REP JARAMILLO FINDS LITTLE ECHO AT THE LEVEL OF OTHER LATAM PERM REPS WHO PRIVATELY DEPLORE HIS RADICAL CANT. HE IS UNIVERSALLY CONSIDERED (INCLUDING BY HIS LATIN COLLEAGUES) TO BE PROVIDING WORST G-77 PRESIDENCY IN RECENT YEARS, IN STARK CONTRAST TO EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF BOLIVIA IN 1990-91. INCIDENTALY, MOST LATAMS VIEW CANADA AS INTERLOCUTOR WITH WHOM THEY CAN WORK TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN EXTREME G-77 AND EXTREME WESTERN POSITIONS.

20. SAME PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE WHICH GUIDE VIEWS OF MANY GRULAC MEMBERS ON POLITICAL ISSUES FORM THEIR POSITIONS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SOCIAL ONES. LEADERS OF G-77 OPPOSITION TO UNDP'S INDEX OF HUMAN FREEDOM WERE COLOMBIA, MEXICO AND CUBA. IN PAST, MAJOR LATINS, LIKE BRAZIL, HAVE TENDED ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES TO FAVOUR NATL EXECUTION -- STANDARD G-77 POSITION THAT THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT SETS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR UN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (UNDOS) AS OPPOSED TO THE PARTNERSHIP CONCEPT IN WHICH THE UNDOS WOULD HAVE GREATER ROLE IN SETTING STRATEGY BASED ON THEIR GLOBAL APPRECIATIONS OF RANGE OF COUNTRIES AND PROBLEMS. ONCE AGAIN, OCCASIONALLY RADICAL LATAM POSITIONS WITHIN G-77 ON ECONOMIC ISSUES MAY REFLECT MORE ON SECOND COMMITTEE DEBATES GENERALLY RATHER DETACHED FROM ...14

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REALITY THAN ON LATAMS AS SUCH.

ENVIRONMENT

21. WE HAVE WORKED AS CLOSELY ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH THE LATAMS AS WE HAVE WITH OUR WESTERN FRIENDS. THIS IS ESP TRUE WITH MEXICO, BUT COOPERATION HAS ALSO BEEN CLOSE WITH BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND COLOMBIA. FOR INSTANCE, CANADA-URUGUAY COOPERATION WAS KEY TO ENSURING THAT CSD HAS ROLE ON FORESTS, RIO DECLARATION, AMENDING AGENDA 21 OVER TIME AND LEGAL ISSUES. CANADA HAD HELD UP CONSENSUS UNTIL ISSUE WAS RESOLVED AND URUGUAY WAS KEY TO TURNING G-77 AROUND. WE HAVE EVEN COOPERATED WELL WITH CUBANS IN THIS AREA. BRAZIL IS LOSING ITS PROMINENT ROLE ON ENVIRON ISSUES AT UN, POSSIBLY DUE TO LACK OF CONTINUITY AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL.

22. AS IN OTHER FIELDS, SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES LOOMS LARGE FOR LATIN IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. THEY CONSEQUENTLY HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. PERU IN PARTICULAR IS A (FRIENDLY) ANTAGONIST ON ISSUES SUCH AS NGO PARTICIPATION AND FORESTS. THE COLOMBIANS ARE ALSO RESERVED ON NGO ROLES, WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ATTRIBUTE TO BAD EXPERIENCE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. LATAMS ARE CONCERNED THAT NATIONAL REPORTING IN CSD COULD LEAD TO LINK BETWEEN ENVIRON AND CONDITIONALITY FOR DEVL T ASSISTANCE SINCE MANY DONORS HAVE ALREADY

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ESTABLISHED A LINK BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONDITIONALITY.

23. ALTHOUGH GROUPED WITH THE LATINs, CARIBBEAN STATES HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OWN POSITIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES PRINCIPALLY THROUGH AOSIS - THE ASSOCIATION OF SMALL ISLAND STATES. KEY ISSUES FOR THEM ARE PROBLEMS OF SMALL ISLAND STATES, COASTAL MGMT ISSUES AND CLIMATE CHANGE. THEY, IN LINE WITH THE LATINs (ESP CHILE AND ARGENTINA) ARE HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF CDN OBJECTIVES ON HIGH SEAS FISHERIES AS ARE MOST IN THE REGION.

CENTRAL AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ENVIRON ISSUES HAS BEEN FAIRLY MINIMAL. COSTA RICAS PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN LIGHT OF THEIR EARLY PROMINENCE (AND AS HOST OF EARTH COUNCIL).

UN SECRETARIAT

24. LATIN AMERICANS CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE POORLY REPRESENTED AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE UNHQ. AT PRESENT, THEY HAVE JEAN CLAUDE AIME (HAITI) SEC GENS CHEF DE CABINET AND WIDELY VIEWED AS AN EMINENCE GRISE, ASG ALVARO DE SOTO, (PERU) SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE SEC-GEN, AND UN-OAS HAITI ENVOY DANTE CAPUTO -- ALL OF HIGH QUALITY. THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY NY BASED UNDER SEC GEN POSTN, WHICH RANKLES. BOUTROS GHALI IS REPORTED TO BE OF THE VIEW THAT, SINCE HIS PREDECESSOR FOR TEN YEARS WAS FROM LATIN AMERICA, THE LATAMS HAVE NO

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PARTICULAR REASON FOR COMPLAINT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS RUMOURED THAT, WHENEVER USG DADZIE LEAVES UNCTAD, HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE FROM LATIN AMERICA.

PROFILE OF GRULAC MEMBERS AT THE UN

25. THE MAJOR LATIN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY BRAZIL, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA, BUT ALSO SOME OF THE SMALLER ONES SUCH AS URUGUAY AND CUBA HAVE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, PROFESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. THE INFLUENCE OF LATAM DELS IN NYORK DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE QUALITY OF THEIR PERM REPS WHO ESTABLISH THE PROFILE AND DIRECTION FOR THEIR MISSIONS.

PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE AT PRESENT ARE NEW PERM REPS OF ARGENTINA (CARDENAS) AND MEXICO (TELLO), AS WELL AS SARDENBERG (BRAZIL). CHILES PERM REP, JUAN SOMAVIA, IS A TOWERING PRESENCE IN ECO AND SOCIAL FIELD, STEERING PREPS FOR UN SUMMIT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (1995), WHICH IS, IN FACT, HIS BRAINCHILD. HE IS CURRENTLY PRES OF ECOSOC. BESLEY MAYCOCK, PERM REP OF BARBADOS IS NOT ONLY AN EXCELLENT COLLEAGUE BUT ALSO A LEADING LIGHT ON UN FINANCIAL/BUDGET ISSUES WHICH VERY FEW HEADS OF MISSION FOLLOW CLOSELY. GUYANESE PERM REP SAMUEL INSANALLY WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS OF SEPT 93. EXPECTATIONS FOR HIS TENURE ARE HIGH.

26. CONTINUING INFLUENCE OF CUBA WITHIN GRULAC DERIVES IN PART FROM

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IMPRESSIVE REPS WHO, WHILE PEDDLING AN ANTI-USA/WESTERN AGENDA, KNOW HOW FAR TO PRESS THEIR LUCK. (E.G. ON HAITI, THEY FOLDED THEIR CARDS AT JUST ABOUT THE RIGHT MOMENT TO AVOID EMBARRASSING ISOLATION WITHIN THE GROUP). BECAUSE USA EMBARGO OF CUBA IS WIDELY VIEWED HERE AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, IT IS EASY FOR CUBAN REPS TO CAPITALIZE ON LINGERING SYMPATHY FOR CASTROS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, TODAY'S CUBA IS VIEWED AS A SAD ANACHRONISM WITH NO LESSONS TO OFFER TO OTHERS IN THE INNATL COMMUNITY.

27. AT THE UN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EVOKE CUBA WITHOUT ALSO THINKING OF COLOMBIA. THESE TWO DELS CLEAVE TOGETHER ON MOST PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES (AS ON ECONOMIC ONES: SEE PARA 19 ABOVE) WITH COLOMBIANS OFTEN TRANSPARENTLY CARRYING CUBAN MESSAGES. COLOMBIAS RATHER ABERRANT STANCE AT UN MAY (RELATIVE TO ITS OFTEN SENSIBLE DOMESTIC POLICIES) HIGHLIGHT RISKS TO SEVERAL LATAM COUNTRIES OF FOREIGN SERVICES STAFFED WITH AMATEURS (GIFTED AND OTHERWISE).

28. FINALLY, A NOTE ON MEXICO. IT HAS IN PAST GENERATED PERCEPTION OF ANTI-AMERICANISM HERE (PERHAPS USEFUL IN DOMESTIC TERMS TO COUNTERBALANCE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH USA IN NAFTA CONTEXT) AND OF HOSTILITY TO MANY SC INITIATIVES. RECENTLY WE SENSE A MUCH GREATER DESIRE TO WORK WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS CDA TOWARDS CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOMES. MEXICOS HIGH LEVEL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CTTEE OF 34 IS BUT ONE INDICATION OF THIS. MEXICANS HERE REPORT THAT NEGS TOWARDS

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THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN OECD HAVE UNLEASHED TREMENDOUS SOUL-SEARCHING (AND CONFLICT) WITHIN MEXICAN MFA WITH SOME WANTING TO ACCELERATE TREND TOWARDS IDENTIFICATION WITH WESTERN OBJECTIVES AND VIEWS AND OTHERS RESISTING TREND. WHATEVER THEIR OWN VIEWS, TELLO AND HIS TEAM ARE ARE CONFIRMING STRONG HEMISPHERIC IDENTITY OF MEXICOS FOREIGN POLICY WHILE MOVING AWAY FROM SOME OF THE MORE DOGMATIC MEXICAN POSTNS OF PAST. IT IS AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE.

CANADA AND GRULAC

29. AS PARAS ABOVE MAKE CLEAR, CDA WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH LATAM AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AT UN. WE CONSULT WITH THEM AUTOMATICALLY ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND MEET WITH THEM REGULARLY ONE ON ONE AND IN SMALL GROUPS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS MORE GENERALLY. LATAM COLLEAGUES WELCOME CDAS OAS MEMBERSHIP AS EVIDENCE OF OUR GROWING COMMITMENT TO THE REGION AND VIEW US AS A USEFUL PARTNER IN WHAT THEY OFTEN STILL PERCEIVE AS AN UNEQUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH USA. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE FOR US TO WITNESS SLOW BUT CLEAR EVOLUTION OF LATAM POSTNS AT UN REFLECTING THEIR OWN DOMESTIC CHOICES OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND MARKET ORIENTATION IN RECENT YEARS. THEIR INFLUENCE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION IS GROWING AND CANADA, AS LEADING OAS MEMBER, IS NOW WELL PLACED TO CAPITALIZE ON AND SHARE IN IT.

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HIDEBOUND APPROACHES TO RISK MORE POSITIVE (FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE) POSITIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIZATION, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. THE GROUP HAS YET TO ADJUST FULLY TO A DYNAMIC SECURITY COUNCIL INCREASINGLY SEIZED WITH AFRICAN CRISES BY BEEFING UP ITS OWN INVOLVEMENT IN COUNCIL AFFAIRS, BUT IS GREATLY EXPANDING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. AS THE GROUP BEGINS TO EMERGE FROM IDEOLOGICAL STRAITJACKETS, CANADAS TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN DELS WILL ALLOW FOR STILL MORE FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN US AT THE UN.

2.REPORT: AFRICAS PROBLEMS ARE SEEN IN NEW YORK TO BE NUMEROUS, FUNDAMENTAL, AND INTER-RELATED. WITH THE END OF THE COLD WAR, HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THESE PROBLEMS HAVE RISEN TO THE FORE IN A WAY THAT SEEMS TO HAVE THE POTENTIAL, TOGETHER WITH OTHER CRISES, TO OVERWHELM THE UNITED NATIONS. CONFLICTS THAT HAD BEEN EITHER MANAGED OR SUPPRESSED BY SUPERPOWER PATRONS OR DOMESTIC DICTATORSHIPS ARE NOW SURFACING WITH ALARMING FREQUENCY, AND BEING PLACED BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS REPORT IS A FIRST STEP IN EXPLORING THE ROLE OF THE AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UN, AND HOW IT PRESENTS ITSELF ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE UN.

3. WITH THE NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS COME A PROLIFERATION OF DEMANDS FOR ITS ATTENTION. A YEAR AGO IN
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AFRICA THERE WAS A SMALL PEACEKEEPING OPERATION (PKO) IN WESTERN SAHARA (340 PERSONNEL) IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION AND AN OPERATION OF ABOUT 300 CIVILIAN AND MILITARY IN ANGOLA PREPARING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION. TEN MONTHS AGO THE FIRST 50 UNARMED MILITARY OBSERVERS WERE SENT TO MOGADISHU.

4. SINCE THEN, THE LARGEST UN-MANDATED OPERATION AFTER KOREA AND THE GULF WAR HAS BEEN APPROVED IN SOMALIA, AND HAS NOW YIELDED TO THE FIRST UN-COMMANDED ENFORCEMENT OPERATION. ANOTHER LARGE MULTIFACETED OPERATION IS UNDERWAY IN MOZAMBIQUE, ONE IS IN THE WORKS FOR RWANDA, AND ANOTHER IS ENVISAGED FOR ANGOLA IF UNITA OPTS FOR PEACE. THERE IS A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBERIA ASSESSING WAYS THE UN COULD SUPPLEMENT EFFORTS OF THE SUB-REGIONAL PKO, AND UN EXPERTS HAVE BEEN SECONDED TO THE OAU TO ASSIST IT IN DEVELOPING A CAPACITY TO MOUNT OPERATIONS. THE OBSERVER MISSION NOW MONITORING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA (UNOMSA) WILL SURELY GROW IN SIZE ONCE TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS ARE IN PLACE AND REQUEST A LARGER ROLE OF THE UN. THE SECRETARIAT, UNABLE TO STAFF EXISTING MISSIONS ADEQUATELY, DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL DUTIES IN LIBERIA, AND HAS LITTLE CAPACITY TO LOOK AHEAD TO THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY POTENTIALLY POSED BY PROBLEMS IN TOGO, ZAIRE, AND SUDAN, BUT MAY WELL BE FORCED TO DO SO.

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5. REMARKABLE ABOUT RECENT SC ATTENTION TO AFRICAN CONFLICTS IS THE LIMITED DEGREE TO WHICH THE AFRICAN GROUP CAN CLAIM PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. THE EXCEPTION IS ZIMBABWES IMPASSIONED PLEA, AUTUMN 1992, FOR REAL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY GENERAL (SG) BOUTROS GHALI WAS IN FACT THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND UN INVOLVEMENT IN SOMALIA, ZIMBABWES INTERVENTION CONTRIBUTED TO CONVINCING THE USA TO STOP RESISTING THE EXPANSION OF UNOSOM (I) FROM 500 TO 5000 TROOPS. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ZIMBABWE AND ETHIOPIA MOST AFRICAN STATES EVENTUALLY OVERCAME TRADITIONAL CONCERNS OVER SANCTITY OF BORDERS IN AFRICA AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, TO SUPPORT STRONGLY AN ASSERTIVE UN ROLE IN SOMALIA.

6. A VISIT BY ECOWAS MINISTERS BRIEFLY FOCUSED THE SC ON THE LIBERIAN CRISIS BUT, WITHOUT ANY FOLLOW-UP BY THE AFRICAN GROUP AND NO MAJOR SC MEMBER DEDICATED TO UN ACTION THERE, NO MOMENTUM HAS BEEN MAINTAINED. SIMILARLY, A VISIT BY MANDELA AFTER THE BOIPATONG MASSACRE RALLIED THE AFRICAN GROUP, BUT THE GROUP HAS SINCE DONE NOTHING TO HELP THE ANC LOBBY FOR A BROADER UNOMSA MANDATE, E.G. IN ACTIVE PROMOTION OF POLITICAL DIALOGUE OR VOTER EDUCATION. INTERESTINGLY, THE MAJOR PATRONS OF FURTHER UN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA ARE OTHER LUSOPHONE STATES SUCH AS BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL.

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7. NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT AND THE NORTH AFRICAN STATES ARE VERY SOPHISTICATED PLAYERS HERE IN ADVANCING AND PROTECTING THEIR INTERESTS, INCLUDING IN THE SC. A CLEAR EXAMPLE HAS BEEN THE INACTIVITY ON WSAHARA DURING MOROCCOS TERM ON SC (SINCE JAN92). IT HAS NOT SEEMED COINCIDENTAL THAT MOROCCO HAS PROVEN MORE DIFFICULT (FROM WESTERN AND SG PERSPECTIVE) ON ISSUES SUCH AS PALESTINIAN DEPORTEES OR BOSNIA WHEN PRESSURE HAS MOUNTED TO HOLD THE SAHAROU I REFERENDUM. INCIDENTALLY, NORTH AFRICA GENERALLY TAKES ONE SC SEAT AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA OCCUPYING THE OTHER TWO AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

8. WHY THE LOW PROFILE, OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICANS IN PARTICULAR ON THE POLITICAL FRONT IN NEW YORK? THE REASONS ARE MANY: SUSPICION OF A SC DOMINATED BY THE WEST, A TRADITIONAL FOCUS ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTION-ORIENTED, AND VERY REAL RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS. SMALL MISSIONS CLEARLY HAVE TO SET PRIORITIES, AND THE PRIORITY HAS MOSTLY BEEN (AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN FOR SOME TIME) DIRECTING UN DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TOWARDS AFRICA. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ZIMBABWE AND NIGERIA, THERE ARE STILL NO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN DIPLOMATS BELOW THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ACTIVELY COVERING SC/CONFLICT ISSUES. THIS MEANS THAT SC COURSE OF ACTION IS SOMETIMES VIRTUALLY DECIDED BEFORE AFRICAN STATES WITH DIRECT INTERESTS AT STAKE ARE ENGAGED IN THE DISCUSSIONS, UNLESS AFRICAN SC MEMBERS SOUND THE ALARM (WHICH THEY REPORTEDLY DO INFREQUENTLY).

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9. THE GROUP HAS NOT HELPED ITS SITUATION BY ELECTING TWO MINI-STATES TO REPRESENT IT ON THE COUNCIL. CAPE VERDE, WITH FOUR DIPLOMATS, TRIES TO MAKE UP FOR SIZE WITH ENERGY. THEIR PERM REP IS POPULAR AND PERSONALLY EFFECTIVE. INDEED, CAPE VERDE HAS PREVENTED SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FROM BECOMING COMPLETELY INVISIBLE IN SC SINCE ZIMBABWE LEFT END-92. DJIBOUTI SPEAKS ONLY ON SOMALIA, AND THEN ADDS LITTLE. (NIGERIA MAY CHANGE SITU IN 1994, AS IT HAS LATELY INDICATED AN INTENTION TO COMPETE WITH GUINEA-BISSAU FOR CAPE VERDES SEAT.) AS WITH WEOG, THERE IS NO REGULAR OR INSTITUTIONALIZED CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE GROUP AND ITS SC REPS.

10. NEVERTHELESS, A GROWING NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN PKOS. THIS STEMS IN PART FROM A DESIRE TO HELP THE UN DEAL WITH CONFLICTS NEARBY (THE UNS DESPERATE NEED FOR CONTRIBUTORS HAS KILLED THE TABOO AGAINST NEIGHBOURS PARTICIPATING IN UN MISSIONS). AS WELL, LOW COST ARMIES STAND TO BENEFIT GREATLY THROUGH PARTICIPATION, IN TERMS OF TRAINING AND TROOP REIMBURSEMENTS FROM UN WHICH CAN EXCEED COSTS. AMB GAMBARI (NIGERIA), CHAIRPERSON OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (CTTEE OF 34), HAS PLAYED A STRONG ROLE IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS AND THEREBY INCREASE AFRICAS WEIGHT ON INTL SECURITY AND PEACEKEEPING MATTERS. SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND

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CONSTRUCTIVELY IN WORK OF THE CTTEE OF 34, NOTABLY EGYPT, ZIMBABWE, GHANA, SIERRA LEONE. HOWEVER, AFRICANS HAVE YET TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETINGS, PERHAPS DUE TO LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR OWN CAPITALS.

11. IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA), THE AFRICAN GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERSHIP. AFRICAN MEMBERS TEND TO FOCUS ON THEIR OWN ECONOMIC NEEDS, OFTEN QUITE NARROWLY. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN AMONG THE SLOWEST TO ADJUST THEIR RHETORIC TO NEW INTERNATIONAL TRENDS (I.E. AWAY FROM OLD NIEO APPROACHES). WHILE SOME AFRICAN STATES HAVE BEGUN TO BREAK RANKS WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND G77 PARTNERS ON CERTAIN ISSUES, REFLECTING CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON THE CONTINENT TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT, MUCH OF THE AFRICAN DISCOURSE IN NY REMAINS MIRED IN DOGMA E.G. ABOUT APARTHEID, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, AND DECOLONIZATION. IN THIS RESPECT, DELEGATIONS OFTEN SEEM NOTICEABLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH NEW POLICIES OF THEIR OWN CAPITALS.

12. AS SOUTH AFRICA MOVES TOWARDS NON-RACIAL DEMOCRACY THE AFRICAN GROUP IS LOSING A RALLYING POINT. IN FACT, MOST AFRICAN DELS APPEAR TO HAVE LOST INTEREST. MANY APARTHEID RESOLUTIONS THAT PASS THROUGH UNGA HAVE LOST RELEVANCE, WHILE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS FOR MORE IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL CTTEE AND PLENARY NO

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LONGER ATTRACT MUCH PRESENCE OR INTEREST OF AFRICANS. ZIMBABWE AND TANZANIA MAINTAIN A HARD LINE ON BEHALF OF THE FRONT LINE STATES, BUT WESTERN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES (INCLUDING CANADA) ACTUALLY CARRY OUT MOST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ANC AND PAC (WHICH HAVE UN-SPONSORED MISSIONS IN NY). AMBASSADOR GAMBARI OF NIGERIA EXERTS A MODERATING INFLUENCE AS CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL CTTEE ON APARTHEID.

13. ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES (1ST CTTEE), THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO SHOW SIGNS OF BREAKING WITH THE SOVIET LINE IT HAS CONTINUED TO SPOUT LONG AFTER THE END OF SUPERPOWER RIVALRY. MOST WESTERN STATES HAVE LONG SINCE GIVEN UP ON THE 4TH CTTEE (DECOLONIZATION), LEAVING AFRICANS DOMINANT BUT WITHOUT OPPONENTS AGAINST WHICH TO CONTINUE WAGING THE STRUGGLES OF THE 60S.

14. THE AFRICAN GROUP VIEWS EFFORTS AT REFORMING THE UN SECRETARIAT WITH INTENSE SUSPICION. SUCH EFFORTS ARE VIEWED BY MOST OF THE NAM, AND PARTICULARLY THE AFRICAN GROUP, AS AN ATTACK ON PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE GA, THE UN BODY OVER WHICH AFRICANS HAVE THE GREATEST CONTROL. AS WELL, CUTTING THE PLETHORA OF REDUNDANT AND MORIBUND BODIES REDUCES THE SCOPE FOR HIGHLY VALUED PATRONAGE APPOINTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING THAT COORDINATING VARIOUS DISJOINTED AND INEFFECTIVE DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (DHA) WAS
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TRULY AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER AND MORE TIMELY ASSISTANCE IN (OFTEN AFRICAN) CRISIS SITUATIONS, FEARING RATHER THAT IT WAS SIMPLY A COST-CUTTING EXERCISE. DHA HAS SLOWLY WON OVER MANY AFRICANS, ALTHOUGH THE SGS APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOYS FOR SUDAN AND ZAIRE HAS LED THESE STATES TO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INTERFERENCE.

15. THE 2ND CTTEE OF THE GA (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS) IS ONE OF THE MAIN BATTLEFIELDS UPON WHICH THE GROUP PURSUES ITS POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. CURRENTLY OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THEM IS THE REDIRECTION OF FUNDS TO EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION, AND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WORK HARD TO PROTECT THEIR OWN SPECIAL CLAIMS TO ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE OF OTHER NEEDY CONTINENTS. TRADITIONALLY AFRICAN WOES HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED BY THEM TO THE DEVELOPED WORLDS UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES AND COMMODITY PRICING, INADEQUATE DEBT RELIEF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, AND INSUFFICIENT TRANSFERRAL OF TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, A GROWING NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED GOVERNANCE AND POLICIES ARE REQUIRED BY THEIR OWN GOVTS.

16. THE AFRICAN GROUP IS MOST VOCIFEROUS IN THE DEBATE OVER THE "OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM" RESOLUTION. THE GROUP INSISTS ON LANGUAGE THAT WOULD, IF IMPLEMENTED, VIRTUALLY

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RELEGATE UN ASSISTANCE TO THE ROLE OF BUDGET SUPPORT: THE RECIPIENT STATE WOULD DECIDE HOW AID IS SPENT, WITH SOME CONSULTATION WITH UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES BUT VIRTUALLY NO ROLE FOR HQ OR BOARDS OF GOVERNORS. DONORS POINT OUT THAT LOSS OF GLOBAL STRATEGIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL DISCOURAGE USE OF UN AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE BUT, WITH NO CONTROL OVER IFIS AND LITTLE OVER BILATERAL PROGRAMS, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS SEE UN AS THE BEST AVENUE THEY HAVE TO CONTROL THE CHANNELING OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

17. WITH KENYAS RECENT DISAPPEARANCE FROM THE SCENE, OF THE AFRICAN GROUP ONLY ALGERIA, TUNISIA, AND EGYPT HAVE ANY PRESENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THEIR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THE PROMINENCE OF DESERTIFICATION AS AN INTL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, SEEING TO THE LAUNCHING OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS A CONVENTION ON DESERTIFICATION. THE GROUP IS NOW FRACTURING, HOWEVER, AS SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FAVOURS COMBATING DESERTIFICATION WHILE NORTH AFRICANS WANT A PLAN OF ACTION FOR MANAGING DESERTS AND DROUGHTS.

18. AN AFRICAN (AMB MSELLE OF TANZANIA) CURRENTLY CHAIRS THE UNS POWERFUL ADVISORY CTTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS. ON ADMIN AND FINANCIAL ISSUES, THE AFRICAN GROUP GENERALLY RESTRICTS ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES, BOTH IN THE ACABQ AND 5TH CTTEE: KEEPING ASSESSMENTS DOWN; SECURING AS MUCH SPENDING ON AFRICA AS

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POSSIBLE; STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA;
SUPPORTING THE INTL DECADE FOR AFRICA; AND RESISTING RATIONALIZATION
OF UN BODIES. INCIDENTALLY, ALL OF AFRICA, INCLUDING EGYPT, IS
ASSESSED A TOTAL OF 1.11 PERCENT OF THE REGULAR BUDGET AND VIRTUALLY
NIL FOR PEACEKEEPING. THE LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS VERY EXPLICITLY TAKES
INTO ACCOUNT THE ECONOMIC SITUATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT IS
NOT REDUCED TO ZERO SO THAT ALL HAVE A (SYMBOLIC) STAKE IN THE UN.
NONETHELESS, MUCH OF THE GROUP HAS ARREARAGE PROBLEMS.

19. THE AREA IN WHICH THE RECENT POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF AFRICAN
POSITIONS IS MOST PRONOUNCED IS THAT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (3RD CTTEE). THE
AFRICAN CHARTER FOR POPULAR PARTICIPATION ADOPTED IN ARUSHA IN
FEBRUARY 1990 WAS HAILED AS A WATERSHED IN OFFICIAL THINKING. THE
EFFECTS ARE STARTING TO SHOW IN NEW YORK, WITH AFRICAN REPS NO LONGER
AS CATEGORICAL AS THEIR NAM COLLEAGUES ON NON-INTERFERENCE (WITH
RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS), CULTURAL RELATIVISM, AND THE PRIMACY OF
ECONOMIC RIGHTS OVER POLITICAL RIGHTS.

20. IN GENEVA AT THE 49TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(CHR), THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED INCREASED FROM ONE TO
FIVE (TOGO, SUDAN, SOMALIA, ZAIRE, AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA). WHILE
EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND SOME OF THOSE CASES, THE CHANGE
DOES ILLUSTRATE THAT THE GROUP NO LONGER CHOSE TO USE ITS SIZE TO

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BLOCK ACTION. OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS THE INITIATIVE AFRICAN DELS TOOK IN PASSING A RESOLUTION AT CHR49 CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THIS POSITIVE TREND CONTINUED AT THE WORLD CONF ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIENNA WITH MOST AFRICANS RESISTING THE CHALLENGE TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES POSED BY HARDLINERS WITHIN ASIAN GROUP.

21. HAND IN HAND WITH NEW-FOUND RESPECT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS COMES EXPANDING UN SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIZATION. THE UN OBSERVER MISSION FOR THE ERITREAN REFERENDUM BROKE THE DYKE. WHILE THE OAU WAS INITIALLY NERVOUS ABOUT THE PRECEDENT SUCH AN INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM WOULD SET, UN INVOLVEMENT DID GRADUALLY GAIN AFRICAN SUPPORT. SIMILARLY, QUITE SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN RESISTANCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN ELECTORAL SUPPORT/OBSERVATION UNIT HAS NOW GIVEN WAY TO A RUSH OF REQUESTS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES SEEKING GREATER INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AND RECOGNITION.

22. AFRICA IS WELL REPRESENTED AT SENIOR REACHES OF UN. UNDER-SEC GEN (USG) FOR PEACEKEEPING AFFAIRS, KOFI ANNAN (GHANA) IS RIGHTLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE UNS BRIGHTEST LIGHTS. HE IS UNASSUMING AND WIDELY LIKED. NOT SO USG JAMES JONAH (SIERRA LEONE) RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WHOSE TALENTS DO NOT EXTEND MUCH BEYOND BUREAUCRATIC

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INFIGHTING. SOMEHOW HE HAS SURVIVED THE AXE BOUTROS GHALI HAS SWUNG SO LIBERALLY AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE SYSTEM. THE STAR OF UNCTAD HEAD KENNETH DADZIE (GHANA) HAS RISEN SOMEWHAT IN NYORK WITH HOPES THAT HIS ORGANIZATION MAY PROVE AMENABLE TO REVITALIZATION. HE HAS MASTERMINDED SGS MOST RECENT RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF UN, AND, ALTHOUGH LOOKING AFTER UNCTADS INTERESTS FIRST AND FOREMOST, HAS PROBABLY DONE AS CREDITABLE A JOB AS POSSIBLE. THE WELL RESPECTED ASG FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, IBRAHIM FALL OF SENEGAL, WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SUCCESS OF WORLD CONFERENCE AND WOULD MAKE A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD SUCH A POSITION BE CREATED.

23. EFFECTIVENESS OF AFRICAN MISSIONS TO UN DEPENDS LARGELY ON THEIR PERM REPS, SEVERAL OF WHOM LOOM LARGE IN NY. EGYPTIAN PERM REP ELARABI IS AMONG MOST EFFECTIVE ACTORS ON UN STAGE, BEING HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE UN ITSELF, PRAGMATIC IN DISPOSITION AND VERY WELL LIKED. HE CHAIRS A NUMBER OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL UN PROCESSES AND FORA. HIS STAFF IS HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. NIGERIA, IN SPITE OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE NON-CAREER PERM REP GAMBARI, DOES A LOT LESS WELL OVERALL BECAUSE OF LARGELY INVISIBLE (ALTHOUGH HUGE) STAFF. AMONG OTHER PERM REPS WE SHOULD SIGNAL MOROCCO, RECENTLY DECEASED TUNISIAN HOD, SENEGAL, BENIN (HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL FOR SO SMALL A COUNTRY), TANZANIA, ZIMBABWE (ENERGETIC BUT ERRATIC WHEN ON SC, NOW ...15

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LESS VISIBLE) AND, PARTICULARLY, BOTSWANA. SEVERAL PERM REPS (E.G. KENYA) ARE PERSONALLY APPEALING BUT DO NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY ACTIVE WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP OR MORE BROADLY. SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED THEIR STANDING AT UN OF LATE, BUT HAVE PROVED FAIRLY TIMID IN CULTIVATING AFRICAN GOODWILL.

24. THIS MISSION WORKS CLOSELY WITH AFRICANS, BUILDING ON OUR COMMONWEALTH AND FRANCOPHONIE TIES, AND DRAWING ON RICH VEIN OF GOODWILL RESULTING FROM CANADAS DEVELOPMENT AND ANTI-APARTHEID RECORDS. UPON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK IN JAN 92 PERM REP CALLED ON ALL HER AFRICAN COLLEAGUES, A VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE ON PART OF A LEADING WESTERN AMB. SHE AND HER STAFF ENTERTAIN AFRICAN COLLEAGUES REGULARLY AND SEEK OUT THEIR VIEWS. THE INFLUENCE GAINED THROUGH SUCH CULTIVATION PAYS OFF, INTER ALIA, IN ELECTORAL TERMS WITHIN UN SYSTEM. MORE BROADLY, AFRICANS AT THE UN REMAIN OVERWHELMINGLY PREDISPOSED TO THINK WELL OF CANADA AND TO SUPPORT OUR POSITIONS, WHERE THEY CAN.

25. IN SUM, AFRICANS ARE ON THE MOVE, ALBEIT SLOWLY, IN SEEKING TO FORGE MORE RELEVANT POSITIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS PEACE AND SECURITY, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WHETHER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AS WELL ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES IS MORE OPEN TO QUESTION GIVEN THEIR DEFENSIVE REACTION TOWARDS REFORM

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PROPOSALS AND A TENDENCY TO VIEW THE UN SYSTEM IN THESE AREAS THROUGH A ZERO-SUM PRISM AND MOSTLY AS A SOURCE OF PATRONAGE APPOINTMENTS AND FUNDING. CANADA IS WELL PLACED HERE TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF THEIR APPROACHES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD AT IT.

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SUMMARY: THE AFRICAN GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY A THIRD OF UN MEMBERSHIP. THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES UNDERWAY IN AFRICA IN THE LAST YEARS ARE BEGINNING TO BE REFLECTED IN THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY AFRICAN DELS AT THE UN IN NY, WITH SOME LEAVING THE COMFORT OF HIDEBOUND APPROACHES TO RISK MORE POSITIVE (FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE) POSITIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIZATION, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. THE GROUP HAS YET TO ADJUST FULLY TO A DYNAMIC SECURITY COUNCIL INCREASINGLY SEIZED WITH AFRICAN CRISES BY BEEFING UP ITS OWN INVOLVEMENT IN COUNCIL AFFAIRS, BUT IS GREATLY EXPANDING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. AS THE GROUP BEGINS TO EMERGE FROM IDEOLOGICAL STRAITJACKETS, CANADA'S TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN DELS WILL ALLOW FOR STILL MORE FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN US AT THE UN.

2.REPORT: AFRICA'S PROBLEMS ARE SEEN IN NEW YORK TO BE NUMEROUS, FUNDAMENTAL, AND INTER-RELATED. WITH THE END OF THE COLD WAR, HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THESE PROBLEMS HAVE RISEN TO THE FORE IN A WAY THAT SEEMS TO HAVE THE POTENTIAL, TOGETHER WITH OTHER CRISES, TO OVERWHELM THE UNITED NATIONS. CONFLICTS THAT HAD BEEN EITHER MANAGED OR SUPPRESSED BY SUPERPOWER PATRONS OR DOMESTIC DICTATORSHIPS ARE NOW SURFACING WITH ALARMING FREQUENCY, AND BEING PLACED BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS REPORT IS A FIRST STEP IN EXPLORING THE ROLE OF THE AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UN, AND HOW IT PRESENTS ITSELF ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE UN.

3. WITH THE NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS COME A PROLIFERATION OF DEMANDS FOR ITS ATTENTION. A YEAR AGO IN AFRICA THERE WAS A SMALL PEACEKEEPING OPERATION (PKO) IN WESTERN SAHARA (340 PERSONNEL) IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION AND AN OPERATION OF ABOUT 300 CIVILIAN AND MILITARY IN ANGOLA PREPARING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION. TEN MONTHS AGO THE FIRST 50 UNARMED MILITARY OBSERVERS

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WERE SENT TO MOGADISHU.

4. SINCE THEN, THE LARGEST UN-MANDATED OPERATION AFTER KOREA AND THE GULF WAR HAS BEEN APPROVED IN SOMALIA, AND HAS NOW YIELDED TO THE FIRST UN-COMMANDED ENFORCEMENT OPERATION. ANOTHER LARGE MULTIFACETED OPERATION IS UNDERWAY IN MOZAMBIQUE, ONE IS IN THE WORKS FOR RWANDA, AND ANOTHER IS ENVISAGED FOR ANGOLA IF UNITA OPTS FOR PEACE. THERE IS A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBERIA ASSESSING WAYS THE UN COULD SUPPLEMENT EFFORTS OF THE SUB-REGIONAL PKO, AND UN EXPERTS HAVE BEEN SECONDED TO THE OAU TO ASSIST IT IN DEVELOPING A CAPACITY TO MOUNT OPERATIONS. THE OBSERVER MISSION NOW MONITORING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA (UNOMSA) WILL SURELY GROW IN SIZE ONCE TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS ARE IN PLACE AND REQUEST A LARGER ROLE OF THE UN. THE SECRETARIAT, UNABLE TO STAFF EXISTING MISSIONS ADEQUATELY, DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL DUTIES IN LIBERIA, AND HAS LITTLE CAPACITY TO LOOK AHEAD TO THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY POTENTIALLY POSED BY PROBLEMS IN TOGO, ZAIRE, AND SUDAN, BUT MAY WELL BE FORCED TO DO SO.

5. REMARKABLE ABOUT RECENT SC ATTENTION TO AFRICAN CONFLICTS IS THE LIMITED DEGREE TO WHICH THE AFRICAN GROUP CAN CLAIM PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. THE EXCEPTION IS ZIMBABWE'S IMPASSIONED PLEA, AUTUMN 1992, FOR REAL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY GENERAL (SG) BOUTROS GHALI WAS IN FACT THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND UN INVOLVEMENT IN SOMALIA, ZIMBABWE'S INTERVENTION CONTRIBUTED TO CONVINCING THE USA TO STOP RESISTING THE EXPANSION OF UNOSOM (I) FROM 500 TO 5000 TROOPS. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ZIMBABWE AND ETHIOPIA MOST AFRICAN STATES EVENTUALLY OVERCAME TRADITIONAL CONCERNS OVER SANCTITY OF BORDERS IN AFRICA AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES; TO SUPPORT STRONGLY AN ASSERTIVE UN ROLE IN SOMALIA.

6. A VISIT BY ECOWAS MINISTERS BRIEFLY FOCUSED THE SC ON THE LIBERIAN CRISIS BUT, WITHOUT ANY FOLLOW-UP BY THE AFRICAN GROUP AND NO MAJOR SC MEMBER DEDICATED TO UN ACTION THERE, NO MOMENTUM HAS BEEN MAINTAINED. SIMILARLY, A VISIT BY MANDELA AFTER THE BOIPATONG MASSACRE RALLIED THE AFRICAN GROUP, BUT THE GROUP HAS SINCE DONE NOTHING TO HELP THE ANC LOBBY FOR A BROADER UNOMSA MANDATE, E.G. IN ACTIVE PROMOTION OF POLITICAL DIALOGUE OR VOTER EDUCATION. INTERESTINGLY, THE MAJOR PATRONS OF FURTHER UN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA ARE OTHER LUSOPHONE STATES SUCH AS BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL.

7. NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT AND THE NORTH AFRICAN STATES ARE VERY SOPHISTICATED PLAYERS HERE IN ADVANCING AND PROTECTING THEIR INTERESTS, INCLUDING IN THE SC. A CLEAR EXAMPLE HAS BEEN THE INACTIVITY ON WSAHARA DURING MOROCCO'S TERM ON SC (SINCE JAN92). IT HAS NOT SEEMED COINCIDENTAL THAT MOROCCO HAS PROVEN MORE DIFFICULT (FROM WESTERN AND SG PERSPECTIVE) ON ISSUES SUCH AS PALESTINIAN

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DEPORTEES OR BOSNIA WHEN PRESSURE HAS MOUNTED TO HOLD THE SAHAROU
REFERENDUM. INCIDENTALLY, NORTH AFRICA GENERALLY TAKES ONE SC SEAT
AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA OCCUPYING THE OTHER TWO AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

8. WHY THE LOW PROFILE, OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICANS IN PARTICULAR ON THE
POLITICAL FRONT IN NEW YORK? THE REASONS ARE MANY: SUSPICION OF A SC
DOMINATED BY THE WEST, A TRADITIONAL FOCUS ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTION-ORIENTED, AND VERY REAL
RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS. SMALL MISSIONS CLEARLY HAVE TO SET PRIORITIES,
AND THE PRIORITY HAS MOSTLY BEEN (AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN FOR SOME
TIME) DIRECTING UN DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TOWARDS AFRICA. WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ZIMBABWE AND NIGERIA, THERE ARE STILL NO SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICAN DIPLOMATS BELOW THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ACTIVELY COVERING
SC/CONFLICT ISSUES. THIS MEANS THAT SC COURSE OF ACTION IS SOMETIMES
VIRTUALLY DECIDED BEFORE AFRICAN STATES WITH DIRECT INTERESTS AT
STAKE ARE ENGAGED IN THE DISCUSSIONS, UNLESS AFRICAN SC MEMBERS
SOUND THE ALARM (WHICH THEY REPORTEDLY DO INFREQUENTLY).

9. THE GROUP HAS NOT HELPED ITS SITUATION BY ELECTING TWO
MINI-STATES TO REPRESENT IT ON THE COUNCIL. CAPE VERDE, WITH FOUR
DIPLOMATS, TRIES TO MAKE UP FOR SIZE WITH ENERGY. THEIR PERM REP IS
POPULAR AND PERSONALLY EFFECTIVE. INDEED, CAPE VERDE HAS PREVENTED
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FROM BECOMING COMPLETELY INVISIBLE IN SC SINCE
ZIMBABWE LEFT END-92. DJIBOUTI SPEAKS ONLY ON SOMALIA, AND THEN ADDS
LITTLE. (NIGERIA MAY CHANGE SITU IN 1994, AS IT HAS LATELY INDICATED
AN INTENTION TO COMPETE WITH GUINEA-BISSAU FOR CAPE VERDE'S SEAT.)
AS WITH WEOG, THERE IS NO REGULAR OR INSTITUTIONALIZED CONSULTATION
BETWEEN THE GROUP AND ITS SC REPS.

10. NEVERTHELESS, A GROWING NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES ARE
PARTICIPATING IN PKOS. THIS STEMS IN PART FROM A DESIRE TO HELP THE
UN DEAL WITH CONFLICTS NEARBY (THE UN'S DESPERATE NEED FOR
CONTRIBUTORS HAS KILLED THE TABOO AGAINST NEIGHBOURS PARTICIPATING
IN UN MISSIONS). AS WELL, LOW COST ARMIES STAND TO BENEFIT GREATLY
THROUGH PARTICIPATION, IN TERMS OF TRAINING AND TROOP REIMBURSEMENTS
FROM UN WHICH CAN EXCEED COSTS. AMB GAMBARI (NIGERIA), CHAIRPERSON
OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (CTTEE OF 34),
HAS PLAYED A STRONG ROLE IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS
AND THEREBY INCREASE AFRICA'S WEIGHT ON INTL SECURITY AND
PEACEKEEPING MATTERS. SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY
AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN WORK OF THE CTTEE OF 34, NOTABLY EGYPT,
ZIMBABWE, GHANA, SIERRA LEONE. HOWEVER, AFRICANS HAVE YET TO MAKE
THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN TROOP CONTRIBUTORS' MEETINGS, PERHAPS DUE TO
LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR OWN CAPITALS.

11. IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA), THE AFRICAN GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR
ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERSHIP. AFRICAN MEMBERS TEND TO FOCUS
ON THEIR OWN ECONOMIC NEEDS, OFTEN QUITE NARROWLY. THEY HAVE ALSO

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BEEN AMONG THE SLOWEST TO ADJUST THEIR RHETORIC TO NEW INTERNATIONAL TRENDS (I.E. AWAY FROM OLD NIEO APPROACHES). WHILE SOME AFRICAN STATES HAVE BEGUN TO BREAK RANKS WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND G77 PARTNERS ON CERTAIN ISSUES, REFLECTING CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON THE CONTINENT TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT, MUCH OF THE AFRICAN DISCOURSE IN NY REMAINS MIRED IN DOGMA E.G. ABOUT APARTHEID, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, AND DECOLONIZATION. IN THIS RESPECT, DELEGATIONS OFTEN SEEM NOTICEABLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH NEW POLICIES OF THEIR OWN CAPITALS.

12. AS SOUTH AFRICA MOVES TOWARDS NON-RACIAL DEMOCRACY THE AFRICAN GROUP IS LOSING A RALLYING POINT. IN FACT, MOST AFRICAN DELS APPEAR TO HAVE LOST INTEREST. MANY APARTHEID RESOLUTIONS THAT PASS THROUGH UNGA HAVE LOST RELEVANCE, WHILE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS FOR MORE IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL CTTEE AND PLENARY NO LONGER ATTRACT MUCH PRESENCE OR INTEREST OF AFRICANS. ZIMBABWE AND TANZANIA MAINTAIN A HARD LINE ON BEHALF OF THE FRONT LINE STATES, BUT WESTERN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES (INCLUDING CANADA) ACTUALLY CARRY OUT MOST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ANC AND PAC (WHICH HAVE UN-SPONSORED MISSIONS IN NY). AMBASSADOR GAMBARI OF NIGERIA EXERTS A MODERATING INFLUENCE AS CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL CTTEE ON APARTHEID.

13. ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES (1ST CTTEE), THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO SHOW SIGNS OF BREAKING WITH THE SOVIET LINE IT HAS CONTINUED TO SPOUT LONG AFTER THE END OF SUPERPOWER RIVALRY. MOST WESTERN STATES HAVE LONG SINCE GIVEN UP ON THE 4TH CTTEE (DECOLONIZATION), LEAVING AFRICANS DOMINANT BUT WITHOUT OPPONENTS AGAINST WHICH TO CONTINUE WAGING THE STRUGGLES OF THE '60S.

14. THE AFRICAN GROUP VIEWS EFFORTS AT REFORMING THE UN SECRETARIAT WITH INTENSE SUSPICION. SUCH EFFORTS ARE VIEWED BY MOST OF THE NAM, AND PARTICULARLY THE AFRICAN GROUP, AS AN ATTACK ON PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE GA, THE UN BODY OVER WHICH AFRICANS HAVE THE GREATEST CONTROL. AS WELL, CUTTING THE PLETHORA OF REDUNDANT AND MORIBUND BODIES REDUCES THE SCOPE FOR HIGHLY VALUED PATRONAGE APPOINTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING THAT COORDINATING VARIOUS DISJOINTED AND INEFFECTIVE DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (DHA) WAS TRULY AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER AND MORE TIMELY ASSISTANCE IN (OFTEN AFRICAN) CRISIS SITUATIONS, FEARING RATHER THAT IT WAS SIMPLY A COST-CUTTING EXERCISE. DHA HAS SLOWLY WON OVER MANY AFRICANS, ALTHOUGH THE SG'S APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOYS FOR SUDAN AND ZAIRE HAS LED THESE STATES TO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INTERFERENCE.

15. THE 2ND CTTEE OF THE GA (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS) IS ONE OF THE MAIN BATTLEFIELDS UPON WHICH THE GROUP PURSUES ITS POLITICAL

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OBJECTIVES. CURRENTLY OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THEM IS THE REDIRECTION OF FUNDS TO EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION, AND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WORK HARD TO PROTECT THEIR OWN SPECIAL CLAIMS TO ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE OF OTHER NEEDY CONTINENTS. TRADITIONALLY AFRICAN WOES HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED BY THEM TO THE DEVELOPED WORLD'S UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES AND COMMODITY PRICING, INADEQUATE DEBT RELIEF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, AND INSUFFICIENT TRANSFERRAL OF TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, A GROWING NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED GOVERNANCE AND POLICIES ARE REQUIRED BY THEIR OWN GOVTS.

16. THE AFRICAN GROUP IS MOST VOCIFEROUS IN THE DEBATE OVER THE "OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM" RESOLUTION. THE GROUP INSISTS ON LANGUAGE THAT WOULD, IF IMPLEMENTED, VIRTUALLY RELEGATE UN ASSISTANCE TO THE ROLE OF BUDGET SUPPORT: THE RECIPIENT STATE WOULD DECIDE HOW AID IS SPENT, WITH SOME CONSULTATION WITH UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES BUT VIRTUALLY NO ROLE FOR HQ OR BOARDS OF GOVERNORS. DONORS POINT OUT THAT LOSS OF GLOBAL STRATEGIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL DISCOURAGE USE OF UN AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE BUT, WITH NO CONTROL OVER IFIS AND LITTLE OVER BILATERAL PROGRAMS, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS SEE UN AS THE BEST AVENUE THEY HAVE TO CONTROL THE CHANNELING OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

17. WITH KENYA'S RECENT DISAPPEARANCE FROM THE SCENE, OF THE AFRICAN GROUP ONLY ALGERIA, TUNISIA, AND EGYPT HAVE ANY PRESENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THEIR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THE PROMINENCE OF DESERTIFICATION AS AN INTL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, SEEING TO THE LAUNCHING OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS A CONVENTION ON DESERTIFICATION. THE GROUP IS NOW FRACTURING, HOWEVER, AS SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FAVOURS COMBATING DESERTIFICATION WHILE NORTH AFRICANS WANT A PLAN OF ACTION FOR MANAGING DESERTS AND DROUGHTS.

18. AN AFRICAN (AMB MSELLE OF TANZANIA) CURRENTLY CHAIRS THE UN'S POWERFUL ADVISORY CTTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS. ON ADMIN AND FINANCIAL ISSUES, THE AFRICAN GROUP GENERALLY RESTRICTS ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES, BOTH IN THE ACABQ AND 5TH CTTEE: KEEPING ASSESSMENTS DOWN; SECURING AS MUCH SPENDING ON AFRICA AS POSSIBLE; STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA; SUPPORTING THE INTL DECADE FOR AFRICA; AND RESISTING RATIONALIZATION OF UN BODIES. INCIDENTALLY, ALL OF AFRICA, INCLUDING EGYPT, IS ASSESSED A TOTAL OF 1.11 PERCENT OF THE REGULAR BUDGET AND VIRTUALLY NIL FOR PEACEKEEPING. THE LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS VERY EXPLICITLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ECONOMIC SITUATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT IS NOT REDUCED TO ZERO SO THAT ALL HAVE A (SYMBOLIC) STAKE IN THE UN. NONETHELESS, MUCH OF THE GROUP HAS ARREARAGE PROBLEMS.

19. THE AREA IN WHICH THE RECENT POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF AFRICAN POSITIONS IS MOST PRONOUNCED IS THAT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (3RD CTTEE).

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THE AFRICAN CHARTER FOR POPULAR PARTICIPATION ADOPTED IN ARUSHA IN FEBRUARY 1990 WAS HAILED AS A WATERSHED IN OFFICIAL THINKING. THE EFFECTS ARE STARTING TO SHOW IN NEW YORK, WITH AFRICAN REPS NO LONGER AS CATEGORICAL AS THEIR NAM COLLEAGUES ON NON-INTERFERENCE (WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS), CULTURAL RELATIVISM, AND THE PRIMACY OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS OVER POLITICAL RIGHTS.

20. IN GENEVA AT THE 49TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR), THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED INCREASED FROM ONE TO FIVE (TOGO, SUDAN, SOMALIA, ZAIRE, AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA). WHILE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND SOME OF THOSE CASES, THE CHANGE DOES ILLUSTRATE THAT THE GROUP NO LONGER CHOSE TO USE ITS SIZE TO BLOCK ACTION. OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS THE INITIATIVE AFRICAN DELS TOOK IN PASSING A RESOLUTION AT CHR49 CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THIS POSITIVE TREND CONTINUED AT THE WORLD CONF ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIENNA WITH MOST AFRICANS RESISTING THE CHALLENGE TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES POSED BY HARDLINERS WITHIN ASIAN GROUP.

21. HAND IN HAND WITH NEW-FOUND RESPECT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS COMES EXPANDING UN SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIZATION. THE UN OBSERVER MISSION FOR THE ERITREAN REFERENDUM BROKE THE DYKE. WHILE THE OAU WAS INITIALLY NERVOUS ABOUT THE PRECEDENT SUCH AN INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM WOULD SET, UN INVOLVEMENT DID GRADUALLY GAIN AFRICAN SUPPORT. SIMILARLY, QUITE SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN RESISTANCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN ELECTORAL SUPPORT/OBSERVATION UNIT HAS NOW GIVEN WAY TO A RUSH OF REQUESTS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES SEEKING GREATER INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AND RECOGNITION.

22. AFRICA IS WELL REPRESENTED AT SENIOR REACHES OF UN. UNDER-SEC GEN (USG) FOR PEACEKEEPING AFFAIRS, KOFI ANNAN (GHANA) IS RIGHTLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE UN'S BRIGHTEST LIGHTS. HE IS UNASSUMING AND WIDELY LIKED. NOT SO USG JAMES JONAH (SIERRA LEONE) RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WHOSE TALENTS DO NOT EXTEND MUCH BEYOND BUREAUCRATIC INFIGHTING. SOMEHOW HE HAS SURVIVED THE AXE BOUTROS GHALI HAS SWUNG SO LIBERALLY AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE SYSTEM. THE STAR OF UNCTAD HEAD KENNETH DADZIE (GHANA) HAS RISEN SOMEWHAT IN NYORK WITH HOPES THAT HIS ORGANIZATION MAY PROVE AMENABLE TO REVITALIZATION. HE HAS MASTERMINDED SG'S MOST RECENT RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF UN, AND, ALTHOUGH LOOKING AFTER UNCTAD'S INTERESTS FIRST AND FOREMOST, HAS PROBABLY DONE AS CREDITABLE A JOB AS POSSIBLE. THE WELL RESPECTED ASG FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, IBRAHIM FALL OF SENEGAL, WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SUCCESS OF WORLD CONFERENCE AND WOULD MAKE A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD SUCH A POSITION BE CREATED.

23. EFFECTIVENESS OF AFRICAN MISSIONS TO UN DEPENDS LARGELY ON THEIR

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PERM REPS, SEVERAL OF WHOM LOOM LARGE IN NY. EGYPTIAN PERM REP ELARABI IS AMONG MOST EFFECTIVE ACTORS ON UN STAGE, BEING HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE UN ITSELF, PRAGMATIC IN DISPOSITION AND VERY WELL LIKED. HE CHAIRS A NUMBER OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL UN PROCESSES AND FORA. HIS STAFF IS HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. NIGERIA, IN SPITE OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE NON-CAREER PERM REP GAMBARI, DOES A LOT LESS WELL OVERALL BECAUSE OF LARGELY INVISIBLE (ALTHOUGH HUGE) STAFF. AMONG OTHER PERM REPS WE SHOULD SIGNAL MOROCCO, RECENTLY DECEASED TUNISIAN HOD, SENEGAL, BENIN (HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL FOR SO SMALL A COUNTRY), TANZANIA, ZIMBABWE (ENERGETIC BUT ERRATIC WHEN ON SC, NOW LESS VISIBLE) AND, PARTICULARLY, BOTSWANA. SEVERAL PERM REPS (E.G. KENYA) ARE PERSONALLY APPEALING BUT DO NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY ACTIVE WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP OR MORE BROADLY. SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED THEIR STANDING AT UN OF LATE, BUT HAVE PROVED FAIRLY TIMID IN CULTIVATING AFRICAN GOODWILL.

24. THIS MISSION WORKS CLOSELY WITH AFRICANS, BUILDING ON OUR COMMONWEALTH AND FRANCOPHONIE TIES, AND DRAWING ON RICH VEIN OF GOODWILL RESULTING FROM CANADA'S DEVELOPMENT AND ANTI-APARTHEID RECORDS. UPON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK IN JAN 92 PERM REP CALLED ON ALL HER AFRICAN COLLEAGUES, A VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE ON PART OF A LEADING WESTERN AMB. SHE AND HER STAFF ENTERTAIN AFRICAN COLLEAGUES REGULARLY AND SEEK OUT THEIR VIEWS. THE INFLUENCE GAINED THROUGH SUCH CULTIVATION PAYS OFF, INTER ALIA, IN ELECTORAL TERMS WITHIN UN SYSTEM. MORE BROADLY, AFRICANS AT THE UN REMAIN OVERWHELMINGLY PREDISPOSED TO THINK WELL OF CANADA AND TO SUPPORT OUR POSITIONS, WHERE THEY CAN.

25. IN SUM, AFRICANS ARE ON THE MOVE, ALBEIT SLOWLY, IN SEEKING TO FORGE MORE RELEVANT POSITIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS PEACE AND SECURITY, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WHETHER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AS WELL ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES IS MORE OPEN TO QUESTION GIVEN THEIR DEFENSIVE REACTION TOWARDS REFORM PROPOSALS AND A TENDENCY TO VIEW THE UN SYSTEM IN THESE AREAS THROUGH A ZERO-SUM PRISM AND MOSTLY AS A SOURCE OF PATRONAGE APPOINTMENTS AND FUNDING. CANADA IS WELL PLACED HERE TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF THEIR APPROACHES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD AT IT.

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AUSTRALIANS TO PRESENT CANDIDACY SOON. COPENHAGEN EUROPEAN

COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMED COMMUNITYS AIM OF HAVING EFTA COUNTRIES

(SWEDEN, FINLAND, AUSTRIA AND NORWAY) BECOME MEMBERS OF EC

BY JAN 1/1 1995. WHILE THERE IS EVERY LIKLELIHOOD THAT THIS

TARGET WILL NOT/NOT BE MET, IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT

SWEDES (AND OTHER PROSPECTIVE EC MEMBERS) WILL ACT AS IF

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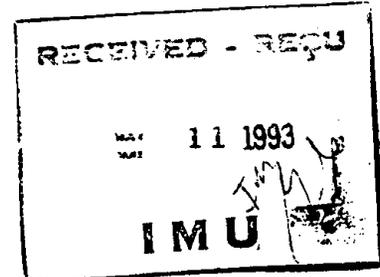
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---WEOG: SLOVENIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FURTHER OUR REF FAX, CAN INFORM YOU THAT QUESTION OF WEOG MEMBERSHIP FOR SLOVENIA WAS RAISED AT 17 MAR VIENN WEOG MTG. AS WE DID NOT/NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTION (STILL HAVE NOT/NOT, FOR THAT MATTER), MISSION TOOK CAUTIOUS APPROACH: (A) SUGGESTING DECISION ON FULL WEOG MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE DECIDED IN NYC IN DUE COURSE AND SUCH DECISION WAS NOT/NOT A VIENN WEOG MANDATE (ALL WEOG MEMBERS AGREED); AND (B) GIVEN STRONG EC, EUROPEAN AND USA SUPPORT FOR QUOTE LIKE-MINDED UNQUOTE STATUS, CDA AGREED (STRONGLY BACKED BY JAPAN AND OTHERS) THAT SUCH STATUS BE ACCORDED TO SLOVENIA ON TEMPORARY BASIS, PENDING OUTCOME OF WHATEVER DECISION IS MADE IN NYC RE SLOVENIAN REGIONAL PLACEMENT. SINCE 18 MAR93, SLOVENIA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AT SUCH WEOG MTGS AS ARE OPEN TO HUNGARY, POLAND, CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS.

3. AT THIS TIME GRATEFUL TO LEARN OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS RE REGIONAL PLACEMENT OF SLOVENIA, OR YOUR THOUGHTS ON SUB IF NO/NO NYC DECISION YET MADE.

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Subj: Regional Groups in the United Nations System: Restructuring and its implications for Canada

Attached is a draft position paper on the system of regional groups used within the United Nations. This paper examines the existing system; the growing pressures for readjustments to that system; and whether Canadian electoral interests are best served by remaining in the group of Western European and Other States (WEOG) or whether they could be better served by an eventual move into a new pan-American regional group that would encompass Canada, the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean States.

The paper does not question Canada's continued membership in the many groups of like-minded countries to which we belong and which deal with policy or functional matters, as our political interests clearly are best served by remaining part of the group of Western industrialized nations. The paper argues, however, that it is possible to be part of one group of countries for electoral purposes and a different group for policy or functional matters (as is the case with Japan). Nevertheless, the paper also concludes that the preservation of our membership in the Western policy or functional groups is our paramount concern and that we should not take any action to enhance our electoral prospects that would jeopardize our continued membership in these political or functional groups.

In addition to preserving our membership in the Western political or functional groups, the paper concludes that maintaining the status quo is the preferred option, although this may not be possible. In that case, the next best option would be a radical restructuring of the regional groups system accompanied by a reallocation of seats on UN bodies among the resulting four regional groups. The new pan-American group, contributing almost one-third of the UN budget, would receive additional seat allocations to reflect the financial and other significant contributions of its members to the UN system.

Finally, the paper concludes that the position adopted by the United States will be a crucial factor in determining the Canadian policy. If the USA decides to remain in the WEOG, it would be against our interests, both political and electoral, to join a pan-American regional group. Conversely, if the United States decides to move to a pan-American group, our interests would be best served by moving with them to the new group. Canada must, therefore, seek to influence the USA to adopt the position that would best protect Canadian interests.

We would welcome comments and suggestions from action and distribution addressees.



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REGIONAL GROUPS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Restructuring and its implications for Canada

The Central Issue

It is becoming increasingly time-consuming and expensive to mount the necessary campaigns for election to key United Nations bodies. This has been caused primarily by the increased stature and relevance of the UN over the past several years which has resulted in many more countries seeking election to these limited membership bodies.

Canada has an enviable record of success in the many elections we have entered over the years, but this could be jeopardized by today's more competitive and heavily contested elections. We therefore need to consider how we might maintain or even increase our success in these elections, particularly at a time of fiscal restraint and reductions in our overseas presence.

We must also recognize that changes to the allocation of seats on various UN bodies are inevitable and will probably occur in the short to medium term. This could have implications for our political and electoral interests. Canada must, therefore, position itself to play an active role in the process in order to best protect those interests.

This paper examines:

- the existing system of regional groups used to allocate seats on most UN bodies among Member States
- the growing pressures for readjustments to this system and the possible implications for Canada
- whether our electoral interests will be best served by retaining our membership in the group of Western European and Other States (WEOG) or whether those prospects for election to key bodies could be enhanced through an eventual move to another regional group that would include all the countries of the American hemisphere, including the United States.

This paper does not question our membership in the many groups of like-minded countries to which we belong. These groups, which have evolved over many years usually in response to specific issues or events¹, deal primarily with policy issues rather than electoral ones. As such, it is obvious that our interests are best served -- and will continue to be best served -- by being a member of the Western or industrialized group of nations.²

Introduction

The United Nations Organization is based upon the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members. Each is a member of the General Assembly and has a single vote. Member States can also be elected to serve on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), while their nationals can be elected to serve on the International Court of Justice or be chosen to serve as officials of the UN Secretariat.³

Since its founding in 1945, the Organization has worked to ensure an equitable division of elected seats and nominated positions amongst its Member States. A series of ad hoc, informal and formal arrangements have been devised, usually involving a specific allocation of positions and seats to the main geographical regions of the world. In the UN's forty-eight year history, there have been two basic definitions of these regions. The first was an informal one amongst the permanent members of the Security Council in 1946 while the second was a formal resolution of the General Assembly in 1957.

These definitions have succeeded for the most part in ensuring a reasonably equitable distribution of seats and positions amongst Member States. Changing circumstances (notably the end of the Cold War) and a significant growth in the membership of the Organization have nevertheless begun to place strains on the current definition. It is inevitable, therefore, that Member States which perceive themselves to be under-represented on key UN bodies will increase pressure for a new definition reflecting the realities of the 1990s.

¹ For example, the Barton, Cairns, Geneva, and Vinci Groups.

² It is possible to be a member of a group of like-minded countries for policy matters, but a member of a different group of countries for exclusively electoral purposes. Japan is the most obvious example of a country that, in an electoral sense, is a member of one group of countries (Asia), but in a political sense is a member of another group of nations (the Western industrialized.) This "cross-membership" is important for countries such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States which are in the anomalous situation of being members of the WEOG for historical and political reasons, but which are countries of other geographic regions.

³ The USA, UK, France, Russia and China are permanent members of the Security Council. They are also permanent members of the Trusteeship Council, for which there are no longer any elections.

Background

Development of the regional groups

Two Articles of the Charter address the question of equitable geographical distribution of seats or positions within the UN system. Article 23(1) defines the criteria to be used in selecting the non-permanent members of the Security Council⁴ while Article 101(3) defines the employment criteria for Secretariat staff⁵. The process of selecting Secretariat staff on "as wide a geographical basis as possible" is unique within the UN system, however, as it has been interpreted to refer to individual states rather than regional representation⁶ and, as such, is of limited use in an examination of the regional groupings used by the Organization⁷. The evolution of a formal allocation of the non-permanent Security Council seats is a more illustrative example.

Prior to the first Security Council election in 1946, an informal understanding was reached amongst the five permanent members to distribute the then six non-permanent seats to five geographical regions. Latin America would receive two seats, while Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the Middle East and the Commonwealth would receive one each.⁸ This arrangement soon proved unworkable as a result of East-West rivalries. The United States and its allies controlled a majority of votes in the General Assembly and were thus able to frustrate attempts by the communist states of Eastern Europe to win election to the seat supposedly reserved for them under the 1946 agreement.

The informal understanding collapsed in 1950 when the group of Eastern

⁴ "The General Assembly shall elect ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, *and also to equitable geographical distribution*". (Italics added).

⁵ "The paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of conditions of services shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. *Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.*" (Italics added).

⁶ Meron, Theodor The United Nations Secretariat *Lexington Books* (1977), pg. 6.

⁷ It is worth noting, however, that the Secretary-General originally used a system involving a desirable range of positions for nationals of each Member State based upon an upward or downward variation of 25 per cent from the percentage of the UN budget paid by that Member State. (*U.N. Document A/652 of 2 September 1948*). Today, the Secretary-General uses three criteria to determine the desirable range of positions for each country: membership, population and contribution. (*See, for example, U.N. Document A/C.5/46/2 of 27 August 1991*).

⁸ The first non-permanent members of the Security Council to be elected according to this formula were Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, the Netherlands and Poland.

European states selected Czechoslovakia as one of the non-permanent members on the Security Council, but the General Assembly elected Yugoslavia instead. It was not until 1960 that the chosen candidate of the Eastern European group was able to secure a seat on the Council, albeit only for a one-year term⁹.

The Soviet Union protested throughout the decade that the 1946 agreement should be respected, but the United States argued that it was to have applied only for the first election of non-permanent members and that subsequent elections would be based upon the provisions of Article 23(1) of the Charter. The USA claimed that the Eastern European states had not contributed to the maintenance of international peace and security. Furthermore, Article 23(1) referred to "equitable geographical distribution", and the election of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey to non-permanent seats fulfilled that requirement. The fact that they had not been endorsed by the Eastern European group of states was irrelevant as far as the USA was concerned¹⁰.

The situation was resolved in 1963 when the General Assembly adopted a resolution¹¹ enlarging the number of non-permanent seats on the Security Council to ten and allocating them according to the following formula:

Africa/Asia	5
Latin America	2
Eastern Europe	1
Western European and Other States ¹²	2

The 1963 resolution was based upon an 1957 General Assembly resolution¹³ distributing the Vice-Presidencies on the General Committee of the Assembly. The

⁹ Poland and Turkey had battled through 51 inconclusive ballots for one of the three non-permanent seats up for election in 1959. The stalemate finally was resolved on the 52nd ballot when Turkey withdrew in favour of Poland, but on the understanding that Poland would resign at the end of 1960 and that Turkey would be chosen by the General Assembly to fill the remaining year of the two-year term.

¹⁰ "From a strictly constitutional point of view, the nomination of States by groups or regions is not binding; representatives are free to vote for any eligible candidate. In nine cases out of ten, it may be in the general interest that the nominations of regional groups should be endorsed, but this should not interfere with the right to vote for any eligible candidate." Bailey, Sydney D. The General Assembly of the United Nations: A Study of Procedure and Practice (Revised ed.) Frederick A. Praeger (1964), pg. 41.

¹¹ Resolution 1991A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963

¹² The "Other States" that formed part of this group in 1963 included Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago.

¹³ Resolution 1192 (XII) of 12 December 1957

1957 resolution was the first to refer formally to the regional groups that remain in use today. Czechoslovakia had been a leading proponent of this formal allocation of seats on the General Committee, arguing that previous unwritten agreements had not been respected. With obvious reference to its unsuccessful Security Council candidature in 1950, Czechoslovakia stressed the need to pay the highest regard to the wishes of the countries of the region concerned when selecting Member States to represent that region. Czechoslovakia also wanted a formal agreement on regional allocation of seats on the General Committee to stimulate a stricter observance of the same principle in other UN bodies¹⁴.

Canada registered its opposition to being included in the Western European group against its will, noting that it was, by strict geographic definition, part of the North America region¹⁵. In response to this, the Assembly included a specific requirement in the 1957 resolution that at least one of the Vice-Presidents would come from a Commonwealth country, although the Commonwealth seat would be a part of, and not in addition to, the geographical distribution of seats as defined in the resolution. When the resolution was updated in 1963¹⁶, the reference to a Commonwealth seat was deleted, despite efforts by Canada, Australia and New Zealand to retain it.

This formal allocation of seats has extended beyond the Assembly's General Committee or the Security Council to almost every other principal organ of the United Nations and their subsidiary bodies, even though there is no requirement to do so in the Charter. Today, there are numerous Assembly resolutions allocating seats on various organs, commissions or committees, usually on the basis of the regional groupings established in 1957¹⁷. Given the diversity of technical responsibilities of these bodies and the broad time-span over which they were created, however, there are different formulae used to allocate the seats among the regional groups.

¹⁴ Summary records of the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session (1957), 79th meeting, pp. 161-62.

¹⁵ Summary records of the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session (1957), 82nd and 83rd meetings, pp. 178 and 188 respectively.

¹⁶ Resolution 1990 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963

¹⁷The Specialized Agencies of the United Nations are the least likely to use the regional groups that prevail in the UN system. For example, the Food and Agriculture Organization uses seven regional groups (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Near East, North America, the South-west Pacific); the International Atomic Energy Agency has eight (North America, Latin America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East/South Asia, South-east Asia/Pacific, the Far East); and the World Meteorological Organization has six (Africa, Asia, South America, North and Central America, South-west Pacific, Europe). The International Fund for Agricultural Development selects its Governing Council from three categories of countries: the OECD, OPEC Member States and other developing countries, while the Universal Postal Union divides the world into five Zones: Western Hemisphere, Eastern Europe/Near Asia, Western Europe, South-east Europe/South Asia/Oceania, Africa.

Pressures for change

The ending of the Cold War has focused attention on the anomaly of a system of regional groupings that includes a divided Europe. If the groupings really are based on geography, it is difficult to justify two European groupings corresponding to outdated ideological confrontations¹⁸. Furthermore, as the positions adopted by the countries of Eastern and Western Europe grow increasingly close, many non-European Member States are expressing concern about the perceived over-representation of European countries throughout the UN system.

Ironically, the most vociferous objections to the system of regional groups as proposed in 1957 came from the countries which today are benefitting the most from this system and which favour maintaining the status quo. France and Italy were particularly opposed to any system that formalized a divided Europe, arguing that the United Nations was supposed to reconcile differences, not crystallize or codify them.

The resolution's co-sponsors acknowledged that the Western European and Other States group was not based entirely upon geography, but was a necessary grouping to accommodate those few countries which had closer links with countries outside their geographical region than with their immediate neighbours. Such an arrangement could be changed at a future date if the majority of Member States felt that changes were necessary. The co-sponsors also acknowledged that the division of Europe was not permanent, but there were certain practical and actual positions which existed and which had to be taken into account. That did not mean that adjustments could not be made in the future if the situation changed¹⁹.

Clearly, the situation has changed. The two European groups, which previously had opposed each other's policies as a matter of course, are increasingly working together as their positions converge. A spirit of compromise and cooperation has more or less replaced one of confrontation. This is of concern to some developing countries which feel that their views and interests are being marginalized. The large increase in Third World membership of the UN without a corresponding increase in the number of seats reserved for them on some key UN bodies (notably the Security Council) has also helped to highlight the perception of European over-representation on these bodies.

¹⁸ In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the USSR had attempted to persuade the General Assembly to allocate seats on the Security Council and other UN bodies to the three main political groupings of the day: the socialist countries, the neutral countries and those belonging to the "Western military blocs", but this was rejected by the majority of Member States which did not support a formal division of the UN into political groupings.

¹⁹ Summary records of the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session (1957), 82nd meeting, pp. 181-82.

The current membership of the Eastern European and Western European and Other States groups stands at 50²⁰ out of a total UN membership of 180; their share of the assessed budget of the Organization is more than 75%; they have four of the five permanent and three of the ten non-permanent seats on the Security Council. This gives them significant influence within the UN system, and it is not difficult to see why smaller, less influential non-European countries would have the perception, rightly or wrongly, that their own views are being marginalized.

In the late 1980s, when Soviet control over eastern Europe began to slip, the WEOG briefly considered whether to seek to merge the two European groups, but decided that this was not in the interests of either group for precisely the reasons that have given rise to Third World concern. In particular, it was felt that an amalgamation of the two European groupings could result in a reallocation of seats amongst the regional groups, with the combined European grouping losing seats overall. Members of the group were aware, however, that pressure for reform could not be contained indefinitely, and that it was inevitable that other countries eventually would raise the issue in the General Assembly.

The collapse of the former Soviet Union, the emergence of several new European states and growing pressures for Security Council reform are adding to the inevitability of a re-examination of the regional groups system. Given their majority in the General Assembly, the developing countries could, if they so desired, amend the regional groups with or without the consent of the European and Other Member States. While such an approach is unlikely, they could use the threat of an amendment as a negotiating tactic in seeking concessions from the European states in other areas.

Canada's interests

Historically close to Europe, Canada and the remaining "Other States" have worked closely within the WEOG, particularly during the period of East-West confrontation. With the passage of time, as more and more of the non-European members dropped out of the group, as ideology no longer justified a regional system with two European groupings and as the European Community developed a more coordinated foreign policy, it is necessary to examine whether our electoral interests can best be served by remaining in the WEOG.

Our natural geographical partners, as they were in 1957, would be the Latin

²⁰ This assumes that the former Asian republics of the former USSR are included in the Eastern European group. This issue has yet to be resolved.

American and Caribbean group (GRULAC), but we are politically much closer to our European partners.²¹ As long as the system of regional groups used by the U.N. is not purely geographic and although we are advancing our hemispheric interests through our membership in the Organization of American States and the conclusion of the North American Free Trade Agreement, we still have long way to go before we can consider ourselves equally at home in either WEOG or GRULAC. Thus, for the time-being at least, our real "interests" reside in WEOG.

A 1990 study by the United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division of EAITC examined this question and concluded that Canada should remain in the WEOG as long as it continued to exist in its current form. This conclusion was based on five considerations:

- o the Eastern European group was not seeking a change in electoral groups;
- o the structural over-representation of Eastern Europe was proving advantageous to WEOG positions, particularly on contentious forums such as the Commission on Human Rights;
- o attempts to revamp the electoral groups could increase pressure for other changes to the current UN structure, notably the Security Council;
- o serious practical issues relating to the role of the USSR would arise as it controlled three of the 10 Eastern European members; and
- o there had been no pressure from the other regional groups for a reduction in the number of Eastern European seats.

While the first two considerations have not changed, the last three certainly have. Security Council reform is an active item on the agenda of the General Assembly; the USSR no longer exists and the Eastern European group now has 25 members; and there is growing pressure from the other regional groups to redress some of the perceived imbalances favouring the European Member States.

Our primary objective in any re-examination of the regional group system is to ensure that Canadian interests and positions are represented in key UN bodies such as the Security Council and the Governing Councils of the important specialised agencies. Obviously, this is most easily accomplished by being a member of these bodies and Councils, but this often requires us to mount expensive, time-consuming and increasingly competitive election campaigns with no guarantee that we will be successful. If the allocation of seats to the European and Other States is reduced in any adjustment to the regional groups, these campaigns will become even more

²¹ A case could be made, however, that Canada is geographically closer to Europe than to some South American countries.

difficult, expensive and unpredictable.

The CANZ regional sub-group

One of the means we have employed to enhance our influence and electoral prospects has been through the promotion of a regional sub-group made up of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ). This sub-group has sought WEOG acceptance of a system of rotating memberships on several UN bodies and commissions, including the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council²². Despite initial reticence on the part of several WEOG members, the group increasingly is coming to accept the legitimacy of the CANZ sub-group.

As UN elections become more heavily contested, the existence of a regional sub-group such as CANZ has proven beneficial by enhancing our claim to a share of the seats allocated to the WEOG. It has also helped us when the WEOG has been unable to agree upon a slate of candidates thereby throwing the election into the General Assembly as a whole. Many countries in other regional groups (where regional sub-groups are an accepted method of dividing seats among group members) have supported the CANZ claim to one or more of the WEOG seats and thereby assisted our election to these bodies and commissions.

The CANZ sub-group could be at risk in a united European regional group as it would represent only three of the 50 members, or just six per cent. A CANZ/Nordic sub-group, which might have proven possible only a few years ago, is an increasingly remote possibility given the desire of most Nordic states to associate with the European Community.²³

Another threat to CANZ comes from the possibility that Australia will seek to strengthen its Asian ties by working more closely with Asian Member States of the UN. This could include an eventual shift towards the Asian regional group for electoral purposes. New Zealand would almost certainly follow suit, thereby leaving Canada and the USA as the only "Other States" in WEOG. The subsequent loss of the CANZ

²² CANZ has recently attempted to secure a seat on the Security Council once every four years. Australia was elected to serve on the Council in 1985-86, Canada in 1989-90 and New Zealand is now serving for the period 1993-94. The Nordic countries have also attempted a rotation every four years, although they have not always succeeded. Sweden's most recent candidature for the 1993-94 term was unsuccessful. CANZ has also been successful in securing two of the WEOG seats on the Economic and Social Council.

²³The EC has itself become a major force to contend with in UN elections. As currently configured, the EC represents 12 of the 25 members and observers of WEOG. If all of the current applicants for admission to the Community are included, the EC would represent 17 of the WEOG members and observers, or almost 70 per cent. If the European groups were united, the Community's share of memberships would decline relatively, but it is quite possible that some eastern European states will join the EC in due course, thereby strengthening its position once again.

sub-group could marginalize us in terms of UN candidatures.

Considerations

Canada has enjoyed, and continues to enjoy, an enviable success rate in the many elections we have entered for seats on UN bodies, committees and commissions. This has been accomplished first as a member of the Commonwealth regional group and more recently as a member of the WEOG. Central to our consideration of an adjustment to the system of regional groups, therefore, must be whether it would enhance or diminish our ability to win elections and maintain influence in the future.

We are already encountering increased competition from within WEOG for elections to many key UN bodies, including the Security Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission for Sustainable Development and the Governing Councils and Executive Boards of other important bodies such as the UN Environment Programme and the UN Development Programme. If there were to be a realignment of the regional groups through the amalgamation of the two European groups, we can expect even tougher competition for the seats allocated to that group.

To date, we have been able to use our membership in important international "clubs" such as the Commonwealth and La Francophonie to win the support of non-WEOG countries in any election campaigns that must be waged amongst the UN membership as a whole. This should be seen, however, in the context of the countries against which we run in contested elections. Very few European countries belong to as many international clubs as Canada, and none have the same depth and breadth of cooperation with developing countries as we do. Even in a united European regional group, we would continue to enjoy this competitive advantage. The key question, however, is whether this would be sufficient to help us win most of the elections that we enter.

An added complication would be if the number of places allocated to European Member States are reduced to bring these allocations more in line with the overall ratio of General Assembly membership as a whole. Should this occur, competition within WEOG would become even more intense -- and expensive.

Options

1) Maintain the status quo

Under this option, there would continue to be two separate European

groupings, and the "Other States" would remain part of WEOG. The existing allocations of seats on various UN bodies, committees and commissions would be retained regardless of any imbalances that might exist. While this would be in the interests of the members of the two European groupings (including Canada) and would allow the CANZ sub-group to continue to function, it is unlikely to satisfy the demands of the other Member States (which have more than a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly and which could make changes to the allocations without the consent of the European Member States²⁴).

2) Merge the European groupings; retain the "Other States"

This would eliminate the political division of European Member States, but would retain the anomaly of the non-European "Other States". This would still be in the interests of the members of the group, including Canada, but only if the number of seats and positions now allocated to the two European groups is retained by the new group. The CANZ sub-group could continue to function in a pan-European group, but not as easily as in the WEOG given its reduced size in comparison to the group as a whole. As with Option 1, however, this Option is unlikely to meet the concerns of the non-European Member States.

3) Merge European Groupings; retain "Other States"; reallocate seats amongst groups

This would more acceptable to the non-European Member States, but would not be in the interests of most of the current members of the two European groupings, including Canada. Competition within the group would intensify for a smaller number of seats and positions throughout the UN system. It would be almost impossible to develop agreed slates of European candidates for presentation to the General Assembly with the result that these elections will be settled by the UN membership at large. The legitimacy of a CANZ claim to a share of the European seats could be challenged by other European Member States which wanted to maximize their own electoral prospects.

Assembly-wide elections could work to our advantage, however, as our claim to a CANZ share of seats may find a more receptive audience outside of the group. Conducting electoral campaigns among all Member States is costly and time-consuming, which could reduce the number of candidatures that we or our CANZ partners present, which in turn could reduce our overall influence in the UN system.

²⁴Such action by the developing countries is not without risk, however, and this should be considered their final option, rather than an opening gambit.

4) Maintain separate European Groupings; reallocate seats amongst groups

This is similar to Option 3, but is less desirable from a WEOG perspective. Any reallocation of seats amongst regional groups will take into account any growth in the size of the groups since they were established. While the membership of WEOG has remained fairly constant over the years, all other regional groups have added significant numbers of new members (eg, the Eastern European group has added 16 members in the past two years). Any reallocation of seats amongst the existing regional groups will inevitably result in a reduction of the number of seats reserved for WEOG Member States, including Canada. This in turn would make it more difficult to win election to important and influential UN bodies.

5) Merge European Groupings; "Other States" join other geographic partners

In this Option, Canada and the USA would join a new pan-American regional group with the existing GRULAC members while Australia and New Zealand would join the Asian regional group. From our perspective, this could enhance our election prospects as we would represent one of the most influential members of this new group²⁵. Coupled with our links to the Caribbean countries (through the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and the Organisation of American States) and our prominent role in the search for peace in Central America, this could translate into increased possibilities for winning electoral contests.

Considerable opposition can be expected to the prospect of the USA joining this group as the existing GRULAC members would be concerned about possible USA domination of the group. Their opposition to Canadian membership likely would be more muted.²⁶ We could ease some of their concerns by further enhancing our regional cooperation and consultation with the existing members of GRULAC. We are already working closely with the OAS Member States, for example on the situation in Haiti and through the Partnership for Democratic Development. A prolonged period of heightened interaction with the GRULAC would make an eventual move into a pan-American regional group almost as natural in political terms as it is geographically.

²⁵In terms of our financial and other contributions to the UN system, including peace-keeping and peace enforcement operations authorized by the Security Council.

²⁶GRULAC, like the African and Asian regional groups but unlike the European regional groups, still acts occasionally as a policy-making body. Opposition to the admission of Canada and the United States could be overcome by limiting our participation within the group to electoral matters only, most probably as observers to the group rather than as full members. This should also overcome any reluctance on the part of Canada or the USA to join such a policy-making body. In this regard, it should be remembered that the USA is only an observer to the WEOG, and this has not hampered its ability to secure election to key UN bodies and committees.

Furthermore, if Canada and the USA join a pan-American regional grouping, such a group would include 35 Member States and contribute more than 32 per cent of the overall UN budget²⁷. This would enhance the group's claim to additional seats on UN bodies, commissions and committees, most likely at the expense of the European regional grouping. Because of its size and influence, the USA would enjoy an almost permanent claim on any seat it wanted, as is the case today in the WEOG. Canada, as the second largest contributor to the UN system in a pan-American regional group, would likely be able to make a permanent or semi-permanent claim to another of the group's seats on these bodies. Under this scenario, the remaining members of the group would not see their own electoral prospects diminished.

Conversely, when the pan-American group is unable to reach an agreed slate and elections are conducted amongst all 180 Member States, we might be at a relative disadvantage against some of the traditional GRULAC members who could count on some sympathetic votes from other developing countries. We would also not be able to use our membership in a sub-regional group (ie, CANZ) to support our claim to a contested seat. This might be compensated for by increased support from our former WEOG partners which may not have voted for us in previous elections where we were competing with them for one of the WEOG seats.

6) Australia and New Zealand join Asian Grouping independent of any other changes

Should Australia and New Zealand decide to join the Asian grouping, the CANZ sub-group obviously would disappear. This could have a negative impact on our electoral prospects within WEOG or a combined European grouping, particularly whenever agreed slates are not possible and electoral campaigns are conducted throughout the UN membership at large where we would no longer be able to claim our sub-regional right to one of the WEOG or European seats.

The departure of Australia and New Zealand would highlight the anomaly of the remaining "Other States" in WEOG and could add to the pressure to restructure the European groupings on purely geographic lines. This, in turn, could add to pressure for Canada and the United States to move to a pan-American regional group. In light of our strong political and historical links to Europe, it would difficult for Canada to move to a pan-American group which did not include the United States as this would be interpreted as a fundamental shift in our political alignment, instead of a rationalization of the regional groups. There would also be little, if any, electoral

²⁷See Annex 1 for the 1993 Scales of Assessment by region.

benefit to joining a pan-American group without the United States.²⁸

Tactical considerations

We have four main tactical considerations: the preservation of our membership in the many policy or functional groups of like-minded countries to which we belong; the impact on our electoral prospects of any change to the regional groups system; the intentions of the United States; and how our traditional base of support might be affected by a move from the WEOG to a pan-American regional group.

We must preserve our membership in our current non-electoral groups of like-minded countries. As indicated earlier, it is possible to be a member of a political grouping of countries while simultaneously belonging to a different group of countries for electoral purposes. Nevertheless, if any move away from the WEOG towards membership of a pan-American electoral group would threaten our continued participation in our traditional groups of like-minded countries, then we should not change electoral groups, even if that results in diminished electoral prospects.

If the European regional groupings are combined into one European group, we would almost certainly suffer a reduction in our election prospects and an increase in the cost and complexity of any election campaign we enter. This would be compounded if the CANZ sub-regional group were to disappear. On the other hand, if a pan-American regional group were to be formed and allocated additional seats, the level of competition in that group could be reduced. This could increase our election prospects in such a group.

A significant factor in deciding whether to move from the WEOG to a pan-American regional grouping will be the intentions of the United States, which is the most important of our fellow "Other States". Should the USA join a pan-American grouping, our continued membership of the WEOG would become even more anomalous than it is now. Similarly, if the USA were to decide to remain in WEOG, it would be difficult for Canada to join a pan-American grouping, both for political and electoral reasons. Thus, if we determine that it is in our electoral and political best interests to remain in the WEOG, we must work to ensure that the USA does likewise. Conversely, if we determine that our best interests would be served by joining a pan-

²⁸One of the main arguments in favour of Canada AND the United States joining a pan-American regional group is the percentage of the UN budget assessment (28.11%) that they would bring to the new group. This would permit the new group to claim a larger number of seats on key UN bodies. If Canada were to move independently of the USA, we would bring 3.11% of the UN budget assessment to the new group, raising its overall total to 7.39%. While Canada would thus contribute almost half of the region's assessment, the overall total would not be sufficient to support a claim to additional seats for the region, thereby removing the principal benefit of a shift from the WEOG.

American regional grouping, we must convince the United States to move with us.

Canada has benefitted from its links with developing countries (eg, through the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and our development assistance programmes) when seeking support in UN elections. It is conceivable that some of that support might be reduced if we begin to compete for seats against other developing countries in a new pan-American regional group. Conversely, we might be able to compensate for this by securing additional support from the Western states that comprise the all-European grouping as these countries previously had been our competitors in such elections. Careful analysis would be required to determine whether such shifts in voting patterns would represent a net gain or net loss for Canada.

Conclusions

While there may seem to be little urgency to this matter at this time, it is inevitable that pressure will grow in the coming months and years for a reform of the regional groups system, perhaps as part of the debate about Security Council reform. We must therefore develop our strategy and options at an early stage in order to have some degree of control over our future electoral grouping rather than being swept along by the events as occurred in 1957 and 1963. With this in mind, we conclude:

- (1) We must protect our continued membership in the Western policy or functional groups of like-minded countries. This should be possible regardless of the regional electoral group to which we belong. *If there is any doubt, however, that we could continue in the Western group of like-minded countries if we were to leave WEOG or a combined European grouping, we should not leave the group, even if that meant a diminished opportunity to be elected to key UN bodies.*
- (2) Our best interests would be served by maintaining the status quo. As long as the WEOG remains in its current form and there is no pressure to reduce the number of seats allocated to the group, we should remain a member of this group (and the CANZ sub-group). The same would hold true if the two European groups are combined without a reduction in the allocation of seats to the new group.
- (3) Our second best option would be a radical restructuring of the regional groups system. This would include: the combination of the two European groups; the creation of a new pan-American regional grouping that includes both Canada and the United States; and a reallocation of seats among the resulting four groups to reflect the relative contribution these

groups make to the UN system. As is clearly demonstrated in Annex 1, a pan-American group would be the second largest financial contributor to the UN and must, therefore, receive additional seats in recognition of this and other significant contributions to the UN. Canada's entry into a pan-American regional group would be assisted by a further enhancement of our cooperation and interaction with the existing members of GRULAC on issues of mutual concern, such as Haiti, democratic development and greater economic cooperation.

- (4) **Any other option is less advantageous to Canadian interests.** Nevertheless, should the General Assembly decide to change the status quo AND the United States decides to remain in the WEOG or a combined European grouping, we would have little choice but to remain with them, regardless of the impact this could have on our electoral prospects. Such a situation would require us to try and persuade the United States to join us in promoting conclusion #3.

Our ability to exercise control over this issue is limited, dependent as it is on the actions of the 179 other UN Member States. We can, however, increase our influence with other UN members, but only if we adopt a **proactive approach** to reform of the regional groups. In particular, it will be imperative that Canada maintain a close liaison with the other "Other States" in WEOG, especially the United States. This will ensure that we have as early a warning as possible about their possible intentions and will provide the best opportunity to attempt to influence them to act in a manner beneficial to Canadian interests.

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ANNEX 1

U.N. SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS BY REGION

(Descending Order)

AFRICA (52 members; 1.61% of the UN budget)

South Africa	0.41	Comores	0.01	Mozambique	0.01
Libya	0.24	Congo	0.01	Namibia	0.01
Nigeria	0.20	Djibouti	0.01	Niger	0.01
Algeria	0.16	Equatorial Guinea	0.01	Rwanda	0.01
Egypt	0.07	Ethiopia	0.01	Sao Tome and Principe	0.01
Morocco	0.03	Gambia	0.01	Senegal	0.01
Tunisia	0.03	Ghana	0.01	Seychelles	0.01
Côte d'Ivoire	0.02	Guinea	0.01	Sierra Leone	0.01
Gabon	0.02	Guinea-Bissau	0.01	Somalia	0.01
Angola	0.01	Kenya	0.01	Sudan	0.01
Benin	0.01	Lesotho	0.01	Swaziland	0.01
Botswana	0.01	Liberia	0.01	Togo	0.01
Burkina Faso	0.01	Madagascar	0.01	Uganda	0.01
Burundi	0.01	Malawi	0.01	UR of Tanzania	0.01
Cameroon	0.01	Mali	0.01	Zaire	0.01
Cape Verde	0.01	Mauritania	0.01	Zambia	0.01
Central African Republic	0.01	Mauritius	0.01	Zimbabwe	0.01
Chad	0.01				

THE AMERICAS (35 members; 32.39% of the UN budget)

USA	25.00	Ecuador	0.03	El Salvador	0.01
Canada	3.11	Bahamas	0.02	Grenada	0.01
Brazil	1.57	Dominican Republic	0.02	Guyana	0.01
Mexico	0.88	Guatemala	0.02	Haiti	0.01
Argentina	0.57	Panama	0.02	Honduras	0.01
Venezuela	0.49	Paraguay	0.02	Jamaica	0.01
Colombia	0.13	Antigua and Barbuda	0.01	Nicaragua	0.01
Cuba	0.09	Barbados	0.01	St. Kitts & Nevis	0.01
Chile	0.08	Belize	0.01	Saint Lucia	0.01
Peru	0.06	Bolivia	0.01	St. Vincent/Grenadines	0.01
Trinidad & Tobago	0.05	Costa Rica	0.01	Suriname	0.01
Uruguay	0.04	Dominica	0.01		

ASIA¹ (46 members; 19.67% of the UN budget)

Japan	12.45	New Zealand	0.24	Philippines	0.07
Australia	1.51	Israel	0.23	Pakistan	0.06
Saudi Arabia	0.96	United Arab Emirates	0.21	DPR Korea	0.05
China	0.77	Indonesia	0.16	Qatar	0.05
Iran	0.77	Iraq	0.13	Syria	0.04
Republic of Korea	0.69	Malaysia	0.12	Bahrain	0.03
India	0.36	Singapore	0.12	Brunei Darussalam	0.03
Kuwait	0.25	Thailand	0.11	Oman	0.03

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Cyprus ²	0.02	Lebanon	0.01	Samoa	0.01
Afghanistan	0.01	Maldives	0.01	Solomon Islands	0.01
Bangladesh	0.01	Marshall Islands	0.01	Sri Lanka	0.01
Bhutan	0.01	Micronesia	0.01	Vanuatu	0.01
Cambodia	0.01	Mongolia	0.01	Viet Nam	0.01
Fiji	0.01	Myanmar	0.01	Yemen	0.01
Jordan	0.01	Nepal	0.01		
Lao PDR	0.01	Papua New Guinea	0.01		

EUROPE (46 members; 46.32% of the UN budget)

Germany	8.93	Poland	0.47	Armenia	0.13
Russia	6.71	Belarus	0.48	Croatia	0.13
France	6.00	Greece	0.35	Latvia	0.13
United Kingdom	5.02	Kazakhstan	0.35	Slovenia	0.09
Italy	4.29	Turkey	0.27	Estonia	0.07
Spain	1.98	Uzbekistan	0.26	Kyrgyzstan	0.06
Ukraine	1.87	Azerbaijan	0.22	Luxembourg	0.06
Netherlands	1.50	Georgia	0.21	Turkmenistan	0.06
Sweden	1.11	Portugal	0.20	Tajikistan	0.05
Belgium	1.06	Hungary	0.18	Bosnia/Herzegovina	0.04
Austria	0.75	Ireland	0.18	Iceland	0.03
Denmark	0.65	Romania	0.17	Albania	0.01
Finland	0.57	Yugoslavia ⁴	0.16	Liechtenstein	0.01
Czechoslovakia ³	0.55	Lithuania	0.15	Malta	0.01
Norway	0.55	Moldova	0.15	San Marino	0.01

1. The independent Asian republics of the former Soviet Union (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) may join the Asian regional grouping. For now, however, they are included in the European grouping.

2. It is conceivable that Cyprus would join the European grouping if and when there is a political settlement on the island.

3. Separate scales of assessment for the Czech Republic and Slovakia have not yet been determined.

4. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is not yet a member of the United Nations, but it is expected to join as soon as the dispute over its name is resolved. It will be included in the European regional group.

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IL NOUS FAIT PLAISIR DE CONFIRMER QUE LA CANDIDATURE DU CANADA A LA COMMISSION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE A ÉTÉ ENDOSSÉE CE MATIN PAR LE GROUPE DES ÉTATS D'EUROPE OCCIDENTALE ET AUTRES ÉTATS (WEOG). CET ENDOSSEMENT ASSURE AU CANADA SA RÉÉLECTION À LA CDD LORS DES ÉLECTIONS QUI AURONT LIEU LORS DE LA REPRISSE DE LA RÉUNION D'ORGANISATION DE L'ÉCOSOC, LES 29-30 AVRIL. NOTRE MANDAT SERA ALORS D'UNE DURÉE DE TROIS ANS.

2. LES ÉTATS-UNIS, LE ROYAUME UNI ET L'ITALIE, SOIT LES TROIS AUTRES MEMBRES QUI N'ONT ÉTÉ ÉLUS QUE POUR UN AN LORS DES ÉLECTIONS DE FÉVRIER À LA CDD, ONT ÉGALEMENT VU LEUR CANDIDATURE ENDOSSÉE PAR LE GROUPE. LES QUATRE ÉTATS SORTANTS SERONT AINSI TOUS RÉÉLUS POUR UN NOUVEAU MANDAT DE TROIS ANS.

3. CET ENDOSSMENT DES QUATRE CANDIDATS NE S'EST POURTANT PAS FAIT DANS UNE ATMOSPHÈRE DES PLUS CORDIALES. AINSI, LE PORTUGAL, LA SUISSE ET L'ESPAGNE ONT TOUS TROIS PRÉCISÉ AVEC FORCE QUE CET ENDOSSEMENT NE DEVAIT AUCUNEMENT ÊTRE CONSIDÉRÉ COMME UN PRÉCÉDENT POUR L'AN PROCHAIN (OÙ QUATRE AUTRES SIÈGES SE LIBÉRERONT), ANNONÇANT AINSI LEUR DÉSIR DE SE PRÉSENTER À CETTE OCCASION. IL SEMBLE QUE CES TROIS ÉTATS NE SE SOIENT PAS PRÉSENTÉS CETTE ANNÉE POUR LA SEULE RAISON QUE, SUITE À UN CALCUL DES RISQUES QUE CELA IMPLIQUERAIT (UNE COMPÉTITION CONTRE QUATRE MEMBRES IMPORTANTS DU GROUPE, DONT ILS AURAIENT EU PEU DE CHANCE DE SORTIR GAGNANTS), ILS SOIENT PARVENUS À LA CONCLUSION QUE LE JEU NE VALAIT PAS LA CHANDELLE ET QU'IL VALAIT MIEUX ATTENDRE UN AN.

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PEUT ACTUELLEMENT PAS TIRER DE CETTE COMMISSION DES CONCLUSIONS QUANT À LA RÉPARTITION DES SIÈGES ENTRE LES ÉTATS DE WEOG. IL EN RESSORT, À NOTRE GRAND PLAISIR, QUE SEUL LE CONSEIL DE L'ÉCOSOC POURRAIT ACTUELLEMENT PRÉSENTER UN EXEMPLE VALIDE POUR LA CONSTITUTION DE LA CDD, AU SEIN DU GROUPE WEOG.

4. UNE RÉUNION DU GROUPE WEOG A ÉTÉ CONVOQUÉE PAR LA PRÉSIDENTE FRANÇAISE POUR MERCREDI LE 13 JANVIER, AFIN DE DISCUTER DES DIFFÉRENTES ÉLECTIONS À VENIR. NOUS ENTENDONS BIEN SÛR, EN CE QUI CONCERNE LA CDD, Y FAIRE VALOIR NOTRE POINT QUANT À LA VALIDITÉ DE LA COMPARAISON AVEC L'ÉCOSOC.

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---WEOG: SLOVENIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CURRENT CHAIR OF WEOG/VIENN, AMB OF FINLAND, HAS RECEIVED ATTACHED CC OF REQUEST FROM SLOVENIA MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO HIS FINNISH COUNTERPART REQUESTING FULL WEOG MEMBERSHIP FOR SLOVENIA, AT LEAST IN VIENN CONTEXT.

2.WE BELIEVE QUESTION CAN BE PUT ASIDE FOR MOMENT BY AWAITING ANY DIRECTIONS RE NEW WEOG MEMBERSHIP TO COME FROM UN IN NYC.HOWEVER, THIS IS NEW SITUATION.UNLIKE, BALTIC STATES, POLAND, CZECH

REPUBLIC, SLOVANIA AND HUNGARY WHICH ARE ALL MEMBERS OF D-GROUP BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS STATUS (BUT WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED WEOG OBSERVER STATUS AS SOP TO INITIAL FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS),

SLOVENIA APPEARS TO BELONG TO NO/NO REGIONAL GROUP.WHILE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA SAT WITH ASIAN GROUP, BELIEVE IT COULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO HAVE SLOVENIA AND ASIANS AGREE THAT THIS REMAINS REALISTIC COURSE FOR NEW EUROPEAN STATE.ALSO BELIEVE D-GROUP MEMBERSHIP WOULD NOT/NOT PROVE TO BE REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE.

3.UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST YOUR GUIDANCE ASAP.

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Excellency,

After the admission to the United Nations Organization, the Republic of Slovenia soon started actively to participate in the work of several bodies, agencies and organizations within the UN system. As a new European state, historically and culturally linked to Western Europe and sharing common values with the countries of this part of Europe, Slovenia would highly appreciate it if it could cooperate with other members of the UN organization in the regional group of Western European and other States.

Bearing in mind the fact that Finland is the current Chairman of the regional Group "B" of UNIDO Member States, I address to Your Excellency the formal request for admission of Slovenia into this Group. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia would appreciate it if Finland, in its capacity as Chairman of the Group, could inform other members of the Group of our wish at the earliest possible date. It is the desire of the Republic of Slovenia - pending the consent of the member states - fully to participate in the activities of the Group as soon as possible. I am convinced that the participation of Slovenia in the above-mentioned group of the UN member states will contribute to establishing closer links between the Republic of Slovenia and Western European and other states in the Group, and that new prospects will be opened in bilateral and multilateral cooperation of the Republic of Slovenia with those states.

Yours sincerely,

Lojze Peterle

His Excellency
Pauvo Väyrynen
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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RÉSUMÉ: UNE RÉUNION DU GROUPE WEOG A EU LIEU DANS L'AVANT-MIDI DU 12 MARS, OÙ IL A ÉTÉ QUESTION DES ÉLECTIONS À LA COMMISSION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE ET DU SOMMET MONDIAL POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL. UN CERTAIN NOMBRE D'AUTRES CANDIDATURES ONT ÉGALEMENT ÉTÉ ENDOSSÉES.

2. RAPPORT: COMMISSION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE: LES QUATRE MEMBRES DU WEOG QUI N'ONT ÉTÉ ÉLUS QUE POUR UNE PÉRIODE D'UN AN (CANADA, ITALIE, ÉTATS-UNIS ET ROYAUME UNI) ONT TOUS FAIT CONNAÎTRE LEUR INTENTION DE SE REPRÉSENTER AUX PROCHAINES ÉLECTIONS, QUI AURONT NORMALEMENT LIEU LORS DE LA SESSION D'ORGANISATION DE L'ÉCOSOC, À LA FIN DU MOIS D'AVRIL. AUCUN AUTRE ÉTAT N'A RÉAGIT À CETTE ANNONCE. AUCUNE RÉACTION, ÉGALEMENT, À L'ANNONCE DU PRÉSIDENT DU GROUPE À L'EFFET QUE L'ENDOSSEMENT DE NOS CANDIDATURES SERA SOULEVÉ LORS D'UNE PROCHAINE RÉUNION.

3. BIEN QUE CELA SOIT D'EXCELLENT AUGURE, NOUS DEVONS NOUS ABSTENIR DE CRIER VICTOIRE TROP TÔT. LES AUTRES DÉLÉGATIONS ONT MAINTENANT ÉTÉ ALERTÉES AU FAIT DE CETTE ÉLECTION ET VONDRONS VÉRIFIER LEUR POSITION AUPRÈS DE LEUR CAPITALE RESPECTIVE. LE PORTUGAL, ENTRE AUTRE, SONGE À TENTER L'AVENTURE (BIEN QUE LA PERSPECTIVE D'UNE DEUXIÈME DÉFAITE EN AUSSI PEU DE TEMPS DOIT LES FAIRE HÉSITER GRANDEMENT). NOUS TENTONS POUR NOTRE PART (LE GROUPE DES QUATRE CANDIDATS) DE CONVAINCRE LA PRÉSIDENTIE IRLANDAISE DE CONVOQUER LA PROCHAINE RÉUNION AUSSITÔT QUE POSSIBLE, AFIN CETTE QUESTION AVANT QUE DES IDÉES DE CANDIDATURES SE DÉVELOPPENT AILLEURS.

4. SOMMET MONDIAL DU DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL: LE CANDIDAT NÉERLANDAIS POUR LE POSTE DE WEOG AU BUREAU DU COMITÉ

PRÉPARATOIRE DU SOMMET A ÉTÉ ENDOSSÉ PAR LE GROUPE.
5. EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES AUTRES COMITÉS ET COMMISSIONS,
LES CANDIDATURES SUIVANTES ONT ÉTÉ ENDOSSÉES PAR LE GROUPE:
- COMMISSION SUR LA PRÉVENTION DU CRIME ET LA JUSTICE
CRIMINELLE: ALLEMAGNE, FINLANDE ET AUTRICHE;
- COMMISSION DES STUPÉFIANTS: AUSTRALIE, BELGIQUE,
FINLANDE, ÉTATS-UNIS ET ESPAGNE (RETRAIT DU PORTUGAL);
- COMMISSION DES SOCIÉTÉS TRANSNATIONALES: BELGIQUE ET
ITALIE;
- COMITÉ DU PROGRAMME ET DE LA COORDINATION: ALLEMAGNE,
ITALIE, PAYS BAS ET ROYAUME UNI;
- CONSEIL MONDIAL DE L'ALIMENTATION: ÉTATS-UNIS (DEUX
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- GROUPE DE TRAVAIL INTERGOUVERNEMENTAL D'EXPERTS SUR LES
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6. À MOINS DE RETRAIT DE LA PART DE L'UN OU PLUSIEURS
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SUITE À LA RÉUNION DU GROUPE WEOG DU 12 FÉVRIER, IL EST TRÈS DIFFICILE DE PRÉDIRE S'IL SERA POSSIBLE, EN BOUT DE LIGNE D'ARRIVER À UN ACCORD SUR LES 13 CANDIDATS QUI SERAIENT PRÉSENTÉS PAR LE GROUPE. NOUS SOMMES EFFECTIVEMENT TRÈS PRÈS D'UN ACCORD SUR CES 13, PUISQUE LA GRÈCE, MALTE, LES PAYS-BAS ET LA SUISSE ONT DÉCLARÉ QU'IL POURRAIENT ACCEPTER DE SE RETIRER.

2. CEPENDANT, CE RETRAIT NE SERAIT CONFIRMÉ, PARTICULIÈREMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES PAYS-BAS, QUE SI CES ÉTATS OBTENAIENT UNE CERTAINE ASSURANCE DE LA PART DES AUTRES MEMBRES DU GROUPE QUE CE GESTE SERAIT TENUE EN LIGNE DE COMPTE AU MOMENT DES PROCHAINES ÉLECTIONS. LA CANDIDATURE DE CES 4 ÉTATS SERAIT ALORS CIT CONSIDÉRÉE FAVORABLEMENT FINCIT UN AIDE-MÉMOIRE POURRAIT ÊTRE RÉDIGÉ À CET EFFET ET DISTRIBUÉ À TOUS LES MEMBRES DU GROUPE. IL A TOUTEFOIS ÉTÉ CLAIREMENT ÉTABLI QUE CETTE NOTE NE PEUT AUCUNEMENT ÊTRE RÉDIGÉE DE FAÇON À CONSTITUER UN ENGAGEMENT DE LA PART DES AUTRES ÉTATS MEMBRES. LES PAYS-BAS DOIVENT CONSULTER LEUR CAPITALE AVANT DE DONNER LEUR ACCORD DÉFINITIF À CETTE FORMULE.

3. AUTRE DIFFICULTÉ, D'AUTRES ÉTATS AIMERAIENT VOIR LEUR NOM MENTIONNÉ DANS LA NOTE, À TITRE D'ÉTAT AYANT SIGNIFIÉ LEUR INTÉRÊT À SE PRÉSENTER À D'ÉVENTUELLES ÉLECTIONS À LA CDD. UNE TELLE OPTION MÈNERAIT ÉVIDEMMENT À NOMMER LA QUASI TOTALITÉ DES MEMBRES DU GROUPE (AUTRES QUE LES 13 QUI AURONT ÉTÉ DÉSIGNÉS POUR CETTE ÉLECTION).

4. NOUS NE SAURONS DONC QUE LUNDI S'IL Y A ENTENTE OU NON SUR LES 13 CANDIDATS. DANS L'AFFIRMATIF, UNE NOTE AIDE-MÉMOIRE SERA DONC RÉDIGÉE QUI, PENSONS-NOUS, NE FERA RÉFÉRENCE QU'ÀUX QUATRE ÉTATS AYANT CONCÉDÉ LEUR PLACE AUJOURD'HUI.

5. MÊME SI UNE ENTENTE ÉTAIT CONCLUE SUR CES 13 CANDIDATS, IL EST MAINTENANT ACQUIS QUE L'ON NE POURRA ARRIVER À UNE ENTENTE SUR LA RÉPARTITION INTERNE DES 13 SIÈGES DE WEOG. AUCUNE GARANTIE N'EST DONC OFFERTE AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE CANZ. PAR AILLEURS, IL SEMBLE QUE LA RÉPARTITION DES MANDATS - D'UN, DEUX OU TROIS ANS - ENTRE LES TREIZE ÉLUS (POUR CETTE ÉLECTION SEULEMENT, AFIN DE METTRE EN PLACE LE PRINCIPE DE ROTATION) SE FERA PAR TIRAGE AU SORT. IL S'AGIT SELON NOUS D'UNE SITUATION MOINS ENVIABLE QUE D'ALLER PUREMENT ET SIMPLEMENT EN ÉLECTION. ELLE NE JUSTIFIE TOUTEFOIS PAS QUE L'ON EMPÊCHE UN CONSENSUS DE SE FORMER.

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REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL BUT OTHER ISSUES HAVE TAKEN PRECEDENCE AND IN ANY EVENT I WAS TOLD BY LIVERMORE THAT THERE WAS NO RUSH ON THIS ISSUE. QUESTION WAS WHETHER CDA SHOULD SEEK TO JOIN OR AT LEAST BECOME MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH LATAM GROUP IN MULTILATERAL ORGS.

2. IF OUR INTEREST IS ELECTORAL I'M TOLD THERE IS A GOOD STUDY BY IMU ON THE PRO'S AND CONS DONE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. CANADA, INCIDENTALLY IS ALREADY PART OF THE AMERICAS GROUP FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES IN SEVERAL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES EG ILO, WHO, ITU AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT THIS WORKS WELL DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY THE LATAMS HAVE IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON ENDORSED LISTS. IT HAS ALSO ENABLED US TO MAINTAIN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LATAM COLLEAGUES AND, BY COMMON CONSENT, TO EXPAND THE MANDATE OF THE GROUP INFORMALLY TO INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. AS WE ALSO CONSULT WITH WESTERN COLLEAGUES THIS GIVES US A SECOND STRING TO OUR BOW, AN EAR INTO THE QUOTE SOUTHERN CAMP UNQUOTE AND A CHANCE TO RECRUIT A NEW SET OF SUPPORTERS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

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TO US.

3. HOWEVER, IF OUR INTEREST IS PRINCIPALLY SUBSTANTIVE, I.E. WOULD WE GAIN ECONOMICALLY OR POLITICALLY BY LEAVING WEOG IN FAVOUR OF JOINING THE LATAMS THE ANSWER IS DECIDEDLY NO. I AGREE WITH FRECHETTE THAT WE SERVE OUR INTERESTS BEST BY CULTIVATING KEY LATIN COUNTRIES ON ISSUES WHERE OUR INTERESTS COME TOGETHER, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM. BUT THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY ON GROUPS IN THE UN; ON THE CONTRARY IT ENCOURAGES US TO SEEK OUT THE KIND OF INFORMAL ISSUE-ORIENTED ALLIANCES FRECHETTE TALKS OF.

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CONSIDERATIONS I THINK ARE RELEVANT. FIRST, WE SHOULD NOT SELL OURSELVES SHORT AS A G7 COUNTRY WITH A WELL-ESTABLISHED DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, A BASICALLY SOUND ECONOMY AND CURRENCY THAT REFLECTS IT AND A GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL PLAYER.

5. SECOND, EUROPE AND ASIA ALREADY TEND TO SEE US AS BEING INEXORABLY IN THE AMERICAN ORBIT AND MOVES TO INTENSIFY OUR UN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS WITH THE LATINS WILL ONLY CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION, TO OUR DETRIMENT.

6. THIRD, BEAR IN MIND THAT OUR TRADE AND INVESTMENT LINKS WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN/KOREA/ASEAN DWARF WHAT WE HAVE WITH LATAM.

7. FOURTHLY, FOR THE LATAM COUNTRIES THAT REALLY MATTER - BRAZIL, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, WE WOULDN'T HELP OURSELVES WITH THEM BY A CLOSER

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ASSOCIATION WITH GRULAC. I THINK THEY TEND TO SEE US AS AN OFFSET TO THE USA - AS A COUNTRY CURIOUSLY IN THE MIDDLE GLOBALLY THAT CAN INFLUENCE EVENTS IN THEIR DIRECTION WHEN OUR INTERESTS COINCIDE.

8. WE WORK WELL WITH THE LATINS ON TRADE. OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE CAIRNS GROUP - WHERE WE AND NOT THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE BY FAR THE BIGGEST ECONOMIC STAKE - IS USEFUL TO BOTH CANADA AND THE LATINS. THEY'RE NOT ON OUR SIDE ON COMPREHENSIVE TARIFFICATION BUT THEY KNOW THAT WITHOUT CANADA THE CAIRNS GROUP IS REDUCED MEASURABLY IN TRADE TERMS. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY HAVE CHOSEN - WITH AUSTRALIA TO LIE BACK AND TAKE IT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BLATANT INADEQUACIES OF THE USA MINIMUM ACCESS OFFER ON AGRICULTURE AND HERE THEY LEAVE US HIGH AND DRY.

9. ON DISARMAMENT SOME OF THEM ARE CAPABLE OF BEING A MAJOR NUISANCE BUT THEIR TARGET HERE INVARIABLY IS THE USA NOT CANADA AND IN THE END THEY TEND TO COME ON BOARD.

10. CONCLUSIONS: WE HAVE A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LATINS IN GENEVA - BETTER IN SOME AREAS THAN IN OTHERS - BUT THERE IS NO NEED IN MY VIEW TO FURTHER INSTITUTIONALIZE THE RELATIONSHIP. WE BELONG IN THE G-7 AND SECONDARILY IN WEOG, BUT BEYOND THAT OUR INTERESTS LIE IN SETTING UP PRAGMATIC ALLIANCES THAT ADVANCE OUR POLITICAL AND/OR ECONOMIC NEEDS.

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---COLOMBIA AS PRESIDENT OF G-77

COLOMBIAN FM SANIN HAS SAID THAT COLOMBIAS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF G-77 WAS MAIN FOREIGN POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF 1992. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO BE COLOMBIAS APPROACH AS IT ASSUMES THIS STILL INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY.

2. COLOMBIAN APPROACH WILL BE INFLUENCED BY ITS VIEWS ON AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS WORLD AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. COLOMBIA SHARES VIEW WITH MANY OTHERS THAT END OF COLD WAR AND CREATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER HAS OPENED UP POSSIBILITY TO RENEW AND CONCENTRATE ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

3. WITH GENERAL DEMISE OF COMMUNISM AND EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONISM, COLOMBIA BELIEVES THAT THIS NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE CAN HAVE AS OPERATING FRAMEWORK THE SET OF LIBERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE NORMS, KNOWN IN SPANISH AS APERTURA, THAT IS POLICY BASIS OF MOST REFORM IN LATIN AMERICA. DESPITE FONDNESS FOR FREE TRADE AND LIBERAL ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES, HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT COLOMBIA TO NEGLECT, WITHIN BROADER IDEOLOGICAL CONTEXT OF G-77, CONCEPTS SUCH AS EQUITABLE DIALOGUE AND BALANCED OUTCOMES IN NORTH SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. COLOMBIAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR

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A NEW COFFEE PACT AND OTHER INITIATIVES TO STABILIZE PRODUCER PRICES IS INDICATIVE OF WHERE IN COLOMBIAN VIEW FREE TRADE IDEOLOGY MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS TO NORTH-SOUTH EQUITY: EVEN IF SOMEWHAT MANAGED.

4. COLOMBIAN SENSITIVITY TO ENCROACHMENTS ON SOVEREIGNTY (A PARTICULAR LATIN AMERICAN TENDENCY) COULD INFLUENCE ITS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF 77. THIS IS MANIFEST BY ITS CHAMPIONING OF GREATER DEMOCRACY WITHIN UN INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THESE EFFORTS COULD BE TRANSLATED TO ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS. ONE GOAL HERE IS TO ENSURE ENCROACHMENTS ON THE WEAKER DO NOT OCCUR EXCEPT WITHIN DEFINED AND ACCEPTABLE MULTILATERAL CONTEXT.

5. MFA OFFICIALS INDICATE TO US THAT COLOMBIA WILL ATTEMPT TO BRING TO BEAR PRAGMATISM AND THE ATTITUDE OF POSITIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE NORTH ON THE RANGE OF ECONOMIC QUESTIONS THAT CONCERN THE G-77. COLOMBIA WOULD EVEN LIKE TO SEE THIS APPROACH EXTENDED TO POLITICAL AREAS, SUCH AS DISARMAMENT, AS WAS STRESSED DURING RECENT VISIT OF IDX.

6. ORGANIZATIONALLY, COLOMBIAN ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF 77 WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN BOGOTA AND COLOMBIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK. MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MINISTRY HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED THROUGH RECENT REORGANIZATION. THIS DIVISION WILL NOW ALSO DO ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNDER DIRECTION OF SENIOR VICE MINISTER. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT COLOMBIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK, UNDER AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO, WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIAL

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INDEPENDENCE IN RUNNING COLOMBIAS ROLE AS 77 PRESIDENT. 2
COLOMBIAN PRESS HAS BEEN PLAYING AMB UP AS PRINCIPLE FIGURE IN
THIS PROCESS.

7. RECENT ARTICLE IN COLOMBIAN NEWS MAGAZINE CONTAINED INTERVIEW
WITH AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO IN WHICH HE SET OUT MAIN THEMES AND
CHALLENGES DURING HIS COMING YEARS TENOUR AS G-77 PRESIDENT.
THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF LIKELY COLOMBIAN APPROACH. AREAS NOTED
WERE: UN RESTRUCTURING (GENRAL ASSEMBLY, SECURITY COUNCIL AND
SECRETARIAT), SECRETARY GENERALS AGENDA FOR PEACE AND
ELELABORATION OF BALANCED PREVENTIVE UN APPROACH TO WORLD
CONFLICTS, UN CONFERENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIENNA, AND
ELABORATION OF COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMING OUT
OF RIO CONFERENCE. REFLECTING BALANCED COLOMBIAN APPROACH TO ITS
NEW RESPONSIBLITIES AMB SAID: QUOTE THE GREAT PROBLEM IS THE
NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION AND OVERCOMING UNDERDEVELOPMENT. WE
MUST SEEK CONCILIATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES AND
IDEOLOGIES. IT IS NESSARY TO CONCILIATE, RESOLVE AND FIND
SOLUTIONS. UNQUOTE

8. AS WE ENTERTAIN GOOD CONTACTS WITH MULTILATERAL POLITICAL
AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MFA, DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK US TO TAKE UP
PARTICULAR ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO COLOMBIAS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF
G-77 AND POLICIES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES SHOULD REQUIREMENTS EMERGE.

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RÉSUMÉ: UNE RÉUNION DU GROUPE WEOG A EU LIEU LE 13 JANVIER, AFIN DE DISCUTER D'UN CERTAIN NOMBRE D'ÉLECTIONS DANS LE SYSTÈME ONUSIEN, QUI AURONT LIEU AU COURS DES PROCHAINS MOIS. LA RÉUNION S'EST DÉROULÉE SANS HEURTS OU DISCUSSION CONTENTIEUSE. ON NOTERA TOUTEFOIS QUE LE POINT DÉLICAT DE CETTE RÉUNION, SOIT LE PARTAGE DES SIÈGES À LA COMMISSION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE, A ÉTÉ REMIS POUR UNE RÉUNION ULTÉRIEURE, QUE LA PRÉSIDENTE FRANÇAISE DEVRAIT CONVOQUER SOUS PEU. IL A ÉGALEMENT ÉTÉ QUESTION DE LA SUCCESSION À LA TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE ET DE LA DEMANDE DE LA SLOVÉNIE DE FAIRE PARTIE DE WEOG.

2. RAPPORT: LE PARTAGE DES SIÈGES OCCUPÉS PAR L'EX TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE ENTRE LES RÉPUBLIQUES TCHÈQUE ET SLOVAQUE: LES DEUX RÉPUBLIQUES SE SONT ENTENDUES SUR CE PARTAGE (VOIR NOTRE FACSIMILÉ WKGR2516 13JAN), QUI DOIT NÉANMOIS ÊTRE ADOPTÉ EN PLÉNIÈRE DE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE. TOUS ONT ÉTÉ D'ACCORD POUR QUE LE PARTAGE SOIT ADOPTÉ PAR LA PLÉNIÈRE, SAUF L'ESPAGNE QUI DÉSIRE CONSULTER SON GOUVERNEMENT AVANT DE SE PRONONCER (CELA, AU MOTIF QUE L'ESPAGNE EST INTÉRESSÉE À DEVENIR MEMBRE DE CERTAINS DES COMITÉS EN QUESTION ET POURRAIT ÊTRE INTÉRESSÉE PAR LES SIÈGES TCHÉCOSLOVAQUES, BIEN QUE LA TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE NE FASSE PAS PARTIE DE WEOG...). ON PEUT S'ATTENDRE À CE QUE, EN BOUT DE LIGNE, L'ESPAGNE NE S'OPPOSE PAS AU PROJET DE PARTAGE.

3. CCQAB: UN MEMBRE DU CCQAB, M. KINCHEN DU ROYAUME UNI DOIT QUITTER CE POSTE, ÉTANT APPELÉ À L'EXTÉRIEUR DE NEW YORK. EN REMPLACEMENT ET POUR TERMINER LE MANDAT DE CE

DERNIER, LE ROYAUME UNI PROPOSE LA CANDIDATURE DE M. CLIVE STITT. IL EST CONFORME À LA TRADITION QU'UN COMPRATRIOTE TERMINE LE MANDAT D'UN ÉLU QUI DOIT QUITTER AVANT LA FIN, MÊME LORSQUE L'ÉLECTION A LIEU A TITRE PERSONNEL, TEL QU'IL EST LE CAS ICI. PERSONNE NE S'EST OPPOSÉ À L'ÉLECTION DE M. STITT.

4. ÉLECTION AU BUREAU DE L'ÉCOSOC: L'AMBASSADEUR HUSLID DE NORVÈGE A ÉTÉ DÉSIGNÉ PAR LE GROUPE COMME CANDIDAT DE WEOG POUR LE POSTE DE VICE-PRÉSIDENT DU BUREAU DE L'ÉCOSOC. AUCUN AUTRE CANDIDAT N'ÉTAIT EN LISTE. CONFORMÉMENT AUX USAGES, CETTE ÉLECTION PERMETTRA À L'AMBASSADEUR HUSLID DE DEVENIR PRÉSIDENT DU BUREAU DE L'ÉCOSOC EN 1994, PUISQU'IL SERA ALORS AU TOUR DE WEOG D'OCCUPER CE POSTE.

5. CANDIDATURE À LA COMMISSION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE: BIEN QU'IL Y AIT EU UN CERTAIN NOMBRE D'INTERVENTIONS À CE CHAPITRE, LA DISCUSSION QUANT AU POINT CONTROVERSÉ (SOIT DE S'ENTENDRE SUR UNE RÉPARTITION INTERNE DES 13 SIÈGES ACCORDÉS AU GROUPE WEOG) A ÉTÉ REMISE À UNE RÉUNION ULTÉRIEURE, QUI DEVRAIT ÊTRE CONVOQUÉE SOUS PEU. DE LA PRÉSENTE RÉUNION, IL RESSORT TOUT DE MÊME CE QUI SUIT:

- LES ÉTATS SUIVANTS ONT ANNONCÉ LEUR CANDIDATURE À LA CDD: ÉTATS-UNIS, TURQUIE ET ITALIE ONT ANNONCÉ UNE CANDIDATURE FERME; MALTE S'EST PORTÉE CANDIDATE MAIS SERAIT PRÊTE À REPORTER SA CANDIDATURE AUX PROCHAINES ÉLECTIONS, CONTRE DES GARANTIES POUR SON ÉLECTION À CE MOMENT; LA FINLANDE A ANNONCÉ L'INTÉRÊT DES CINQ ÉTATS NORDIQUES DE SE PRÉSENTER; L'ESPAGNE ET LE PORTUGAL ONT SIGNIFIÉ QU'ILS ÉTUDIAIENT ACTUELLEMENT LA QUESTION;

- LES NORDIQUES (FINLANDE) ONT INDIQUÉ QU'ILS VOUDRAIENT OBTENIR 3 SIÈGES À LA CDD (PLUTÔT QUE 2, COMME À L'ÉCOSOC). ILS RESTENT TOUTEFOIS OUVERTS À DISCUSSION À CE SUJET;

- À LA DEMANDE DE LA NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE, AVEC L'APPUI DE LA GRÈCE ET DE L'IRLANDE (ET APRÈS EN AVOIR DISCUTÉ AVEC LE CANADA ET L'AUSTRALIE), LA FRANCE A ÉTÉ CHARGÉE, EN SA QUALITÉ DE PRÉSIDENTE DU GROUPE, DE CONDUIRE DES CONSULTATIONS INFORMELLES POUR TENTER D'ÉVITER L'IMPASSE; LA NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE A ÉGALEMENT RAPPELÉ QU'IL EXISTE UN PRÉCÉDENT POUR LA RÉPARTITION INTERNE DES SIÈGES DE WEOG, SOIT CELUI DE L'ÉCOSOC;

- APRÈS LA RÉUNION, NOUS AVONS POUR NOTRE PART INDIQUÉ AUX FRANÇAIS QUE, BIEN QUE NOUS PRÉFÉRONS ARRIVER À UNE ENTENTE QUANT AU PARTAGE DES SIÈGES, TOUTE ENTENTE QUI N'ASSURERAIT PAS DEUX SIÈGES À CANZ NOUS SERAIT INACCEPTABLE ET QUE, À DÉFAUT D'ACCORD SUR CES DEUX SIÈGES, NOUS PRÉFÉRONS ALLER EN ÉLECTION.

6. CANDIDATURE DANS LES AUTRES COMITÉS: LA PRÉSIDENTE A DÉPLORÉ LE FAIBLE NOMBRE DE CANDIDATURES, QUI EST ENCORE DANS PLUSIEURS CAS LARGEMENT INFÉRIEUR AU NOMBRE DES POSTES OUVERTS. ON NOTERA CEPENDANT QUE, POUR LA GRANDE MAJORITÉ DES COMITÉS EN CAUSE, IL RESTE ENCORE PLUS DE TROIS MOIS AVANT LES ÉLECTIONS (UNE EXCEPTION NOTABLE ÉTANT LA COMMISSION POUR LA SCIENCE ET LA TECHNIQUE AU SERVICE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT, DONT LES ÉLECTIONS SERONT ENTRE LE 2 ET LE 5 FÉVRIER ET POUR LAQUELLE IL N' Y A ENCORE EU AUCUNE CANDIDATURE, POUR 6 POSTES DE LIBRES). LES CANDIDATURES SUIVANTES ONT DONC ÉTÉ ANNONCÉES (À NOTER QUE L'EXPRESSION D'INTÉRÊT EST SUJETTE À CONFIRMATION ULTÉRIEURE):

- COMMISSION DES STUPÉFIANTS: PORTUGAL EST INTÉRESSÉ;
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- CONSEIL D'ADMIN. D'UNICEF: ESPAGNE EST INTÉRESSÉE;
- COMITÉ PROGRAMME ET COORDINATION (CPC): ITALIE;
- CONSEIL MONDIAL DE L'ALIMENTATION: ÉTATS-UNIS;
- COMMISSION DE LA POPULATION: ÉTATS-UNIS; ITALIE EST INTÉRESSÉE;
- GROUPE D'EXPERTS SUR LES NORMES DE COMPTABILITÉ ET DE PUBLICATION: ESPAGNE EST INTÉRESSÉE;
- PNUD: ESPAGNE - ÉTATS-UNIS - ITALIE - AUTRICHE; L'IRLANDE CONSIDÈRE;

7. PRÉSIDENTE AUX COMMISSIONS D'UNGA 48: SELON TOUTE VRAISEMBLANCE, LA PRÉSIDENTE DE LA PREMIÈRE COMMISSION LORS D'UNGA 48 REVIENDRA À UN ÉTAT MEMBRE DE WEOG. ON A RAPPELÉ LA CANDIDATURE ALLEMANDE À CE POSTE, ANNONCÉE DE LONGUE DATE ET QUI A REÇU L'APPUI DE L'AUTRICHE ET DE L'ESPAGNE. UN CONSENSUS IMPLICITE SEMBLAIT À L'EFFET DE SOUTENIR CETTE CANDIDATURE. DE FAÇON ASSEZ SURPRENANTE, L'AUSTRALIE A CEPENDANT FAIT SAVOIR QU'ELLE SERAIT PEUT-ÊTRE INTÉRESSÉE PAR CE POSTE. LA PRÉSIDENTE FRANÇAISE A DEMANDÉ AUX AUSTRALIENS DE PRENDRE LE PLUS RAPIDEMENT POSSIBLE UNE DÉCISION À CE SUJET. NOUS ESPÉRONS POUR NOTRE PART QU'ILS RENONCERONT À LEUR PROJET. EN TOUTE ÉVENTUALITÉ, IL A ÉTÉ CONVENU DE FAIRE RAPIDEMENT SAVOIR AU PRÉSIDENT DE

L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE QUE WEOG ENTEND ACCEPTER LA PRÉSIDENTE DE CETTE COMMISSION.

8. RELATIONS WEOG/SLOVÉNIE: LA SLOVÉNIE A DEMANDÉ D'ÊTRE ACCEPTÉE AU SEIN DU GROUPE WEOG OU, DU MOINS, D'ÊTRE ADMISE AUX RENCONTRES DE CONSULTATIONS OCCIDENTALES SUR DES QUESTIONS DE SUBSTANCES. EN CE QUI CONCERNE WEOG, IL A ÉTÉ CONVENU QUE LE MOMENT ÉTAIT MAL CHOISI POUR DONNER SUITE À UNE TELLE REQUÊTE (DE CRAINTE D'INCITER PLUSIEURS AUTRES ÉTATS À FORMULER CETTE MÊME DEMANDE). LA FRANCE A DONC ÉTÉ CHARGÉE, AU NOM DU GROUPE, DE SIGNIFIER UN REFUS ORAL À LA SLOVÉNIE, TOUT EN PRÉCISANT QUE CETTE DÉCISION NE S'APPLIQUAIT QU'AU GROUPE ÉLECTORAL DE WEOG. LE REPRÉSENTANT PERMANENT DE SLOVÉNIE SEMBLE DE TOUTE FAÇON AVOIR RENONCÉ, TEMPORAIREMENT, À SA REQUÊTE À CE SUJET. EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES AUTRES RÉUNIONS, LA SLOVÉNIE POURRA, AU CAS PAR CAS (COMME ELLE LE FAIT DÉJÀ), ASSISTER À DIVERSES RÉUNIONS DES ÉTATS OCCIDENTAUX.

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2. POUR LE CANADA, LE NOEUD DE LA QUESTION QUANT À CETTE RÉPARTITION CONCERNE LE NOMBRE DE SIÈGES QUI SERONT RÉSERVÉS POUR LES PAYS DU GROUPE CANZ (CANADA - AUSTRALIE - NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE). NOTRE INTENTION EST D'OBTENIR QUE DEUX SIÈGES NOUS SOIENT ALLOUÉS, TEL QU'IL EST LE CAS POUR LE CONSEIL DE L'ÉCOSOC.

3. LE CONSEIL DE L'ÉCOSOC AINSI QUE LA COMMISSION POUR LA SCIENCE ET LA TECHNIQUE AU SERVICE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ONT TOUS DEUX ÉTÉ MENTIONNÉS À TITRE D'EXEMPLE POUVANT ÊTRE SUIVIS. LE CONSEIL DE L'ÉCOSOC EST SUREMENT UN EXEMPLE QUE NOUS ENCOURAGERONS LE GROUPE À SUIVRE, PUISQUE CANZ Y DÉTIENT DEUX SIÈGES.

4. EN CE QUI CONCERNE LA COMMISSION POUR LA SCIENCE ET TECHNOLOGIE, NOUS N'AVONS CONNAISSANCE D'AUCUN ACCORD AU SEIN DU GROUPE QUI AURAIT POUR EFFET DE PARTAGER LES 13 SIÈGES DE WEOG ENTRE LES DIFFÉRENTS ÉTATS MEMBRES. OR, ÉTANT DONNÉ QUE SEULEMENT 7 DES TREIZE MEMBRES ONT ÉTÉ ÉLUS À CE JOUR (LES SIX AUTRES DEVANT L'ÊTRE EN FÉVRIER PROCHAIN, LORS DE LA MÊME SESSION QUE POUR LA CDD), ON NE

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AS YOU WILL EXPECT, I AM VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NOTION OF CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH LATINS IN UN CONTEXT. GIVEN WAY THINGS WORK IN NEW YORK, I WOULD ARGUE FOR FLEXIBLE, NON-INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH - WHICH WE ARE ALREADY PRACTICING TO SOME EXTENT.

2. YOURTEL RAISES QUESTION IN TERMS OF JOINING OR BEING MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH QUOTE LATIN GROUP UNQUOTE. THE GROUP TO WHICH YOU ARE PRESUMABLY REFERRING IS THE GRULAC, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES. THIS GROUP SERVES FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES AS WELL AS FOR FAIRLY LOOSE COORDINATION AMONG MEMBERS ON SELECTED ISSUES. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, CDA BELONGS TO WEOG (WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP). WE COULD NOT/NOT BECOME MEMBERS OF GRULAC WITHOUT LEAVING WEOG, IN VIEW OF ELECTORAL PURPOSES SERVED BY THESE GROUPS. ALTHOUGH PROSPECTS OF HAVING TO PUT UP WITH EVER-EXPANDING EC WITHIN WEOG WOULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE MOVE TO GRULAC ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION, EVEN I WOULD QUESTION WHETHER OUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE HAS BECOME SO HEMISPHERIC AS TO JUSTIFY BREAKING AWAY, AT THIS STAGE, FROM OUR PEER GROUP OF LAST 45 YEARS. JOINING GRULAC IS NOT/NOT, IN ANY CASE, A REALISTIC OPTION IN SHORT-TERM, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) ADDITION OF A MAJOR COUNTRY LIKE CDA TO GRULAC LIST WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT ELECTORAL PROSPECTS OF CURRENT MEMBERS - THIS WOULD BE REASON ENOUGH FOR MEMBERS TO OPPOSE OUR ENTRY (SAME LOGIC IS IN EVIDENCE WITHIN WEOG VIS-A-VIS REQUEST OF NEW STATES LIKE SLOVENIA TO JOIN)

B) ENTRY OF CDA INTO GRULAC WOULD RAISE SPECTER OF USA FOLLOWING BEHIND, A WHOLLY UNATTRACTIVE NOTION FOR MOST GRULAC MEMBERS EVEN IN THIS ERA OF MUCH MORE SERENE RELATIONS WITH WSHDC.

MORE INFORMAL RAPPROCHEMENT WITH GRULAC MIGHT OFFER BETTER PROSPECTS AND WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE PRECEDENT (OVER HAITI) OF CDA BEING INVITED TO ATTEND GRULAC MTG . EVEN THEN, I SUSPECT MANY GRULAC MEMBERS WOULD BALK AT NOTION OF SYSTEMATICALLY INVOLVING CDA, EVEN INFORMALLY, IN THEIR CONSULTATIONS. LDC IDENTITY IN UN CONTEXT CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT AND WOULD OUTWEIGH SYMPATHY MOST LATINS FEEL TOWARD CDA.

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3. RAPPROCHEMENT WITH GRULAC MAY NOT, IN ANY CASE, BE ALL THAT USEFUL EXCEPT FROM SYMBOLIC POINT OF VIEW. LATIN POSITIONS WITHIN UN ARE LESS AND LESS DETERMINED ON BASIS OF GRULAC CONSENSUS. MORE RELEVANT ARE CARICOM, RIO GROUP OR GROUP OF CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS FOCUS FOR CONSULTATIONS AND HARMONIZATION OF POSITIONS. EVEN IN THIS CASE, SUB-REGIONAL SOLIDARITIES ARE FAR FROM RULE AND THERE IS INCREASING TENDENCY TO FORM AD HOC COALITIONS OF COUNTRIES, FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, SHARING SIMILAR VIEW POINT ON ISSUE BY ISSUE BASIS. WE HAVE THUS FORGED EXTREMELY FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH SOME LATIN COUNTRIES (ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES) ON ENVIRONMENT AND FISHERIES ISSUES FOR INSTANCE.

4. MOST PROMISING AVENUE LIES, IN MY VIEW, IN INTENSIFIED DIALOGUE WITH KEY COUNTRIES. MEXICO AND BRAZIL ARE EVIDENTLY PRIME CANDIDATES. SECOND TIER COUNTRIES WILL TEND TO VARY ACCORDING TO ROLE THEY PLAY IN UN AT ANY GIVEN TIME, DEPENDING ON EG WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF SC, POSITIONS THEY OCCUPY ON VARIOUS UN BODIES, QUALITY OF THEIR REPS ETC AT THIS STAGE OF GAME FOR INSTANCE, VENEZUELA IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF SC MEMBERSHIP AND COLOMBIA WOULD JUSTIFY INCREASED ATTENTION BECAUSE OF ROLE AS G-77 AS SPOKESMAN. CHILE IS USUALLY IMPORTANT PARTNER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HAVE PLAYED LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ECOSOC.

5. VARIETY OF MEANS CAN BE USED TO STRENGTHEN POLICY DIALOGUE. IDX FORTHCOMING VISIT TO REGION IS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE AND I COULD SEE SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE ON VARIETY OF OTHER SUBJECTS FROM ENVIRONMENT TO PEACEKEEPING. MORE GLOBAL CONSULTATIONS ON UN (EG PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS) IN CAPITALS OR IN NEW YORK IS OTHER POSSIBILITY. ONLY LARGER COUNTRIES WITH BROAD INTEREST IN HEALTH OF UN SYSTEM (THAT RESTRICTS THE FIELD PRETTY MUCH TO MEXICO, BRAZIL AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHERS) SHOULD QUALIFY FOR SUCH IN-DEPTH CONSULTATIONS . WE HAD EXTREMELY GOOD SESSION WITH MEXICANS LAST FALL (OF ALL LATINS, MEXICANS ARE SHOWING GREATEST INTEREST IN DEVELOPING CONSULTATION HABIT WITH US) AND WE PLAN TO HAVE A SESSION WITH BRAZIL AS THEY BEGIN MANDATE ON SC. THERE IS ALSO DAY-TO-DAY PRACTICE OF CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF INFO AMONG OFFICERS OF CDN AND LATIN MISSIONS WHICH CAN BE FURTHER ENCOURAGED. ONE FINAL WORD: DIALOGUE IS NOT ENOUGH. RAPPROCHEMENT WITH LATINS IN MULTILATERAL BODIES ALSO MEANS SHOWING SENSITIVITY TO THEIR CONCERNS AND WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING OUR OWN POSITIONS.

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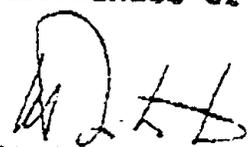
Dear Colleagues,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Western European and other States Group for the month of December, I have the honour to forward the following:

- a letter from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands informing that the Netherlands will be a candidate for the Commission on Sustainable Development.

~~a letter from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations concerning the candidature of Ambassador Penny Wensley for the Chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the "Conference on the sustainable development of small island developing states". In regard to this communication I would propose to follow the procedure suggested by Ambassador Butler. In other words if I receive no objections to the endorsement of Ambassador Wensley by Tuesday the 29 of December I would inform the other regional groups through their Chairmen about the WEOG's endorsement of Ambassador Wensley for the post in question.~~

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Wilhelm Breitenstein
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Finland

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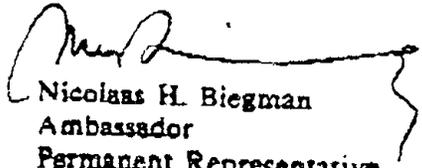
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New York, 18 December 1992

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you in your capacity as current Chairman of WEOG that the Netherlands will be a candidate for the Commission on Sustainable Development. I should be grateful if you could inform the members of WEOG accordingly.

Yours sincerely,


Nicolaas H. Biegman
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

His Excellency Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein
Permanent Representative of Finland
to the United Nations
New York



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

18 December 1992

H E Mr Wilhelm Dreitenstein
Ambassador
Permanent Mission of Finland
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966 United Nations Plaza, 2nd Floor
NEW YORK NY 10017

Excellency

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group.

As you are aware, it has been agreed in the Second Committee to include in the resolution on the "Convening of a global conference on the sustainable development of small island developing states" a paragraph welcoming the candidature of Ambassador Penny Wensley (Australia) for the Chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.

In view of the fact that the candidature of Ambassador Wensley so far stands unchallenged, it would seem possible to pursue, at this point, the matter of the formal endorsement of this candidature by the Western European and Other States Group. I venture to suggest that this issue be addressed by way of a fax letter that you might circulate to the members of the Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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RICHARD BUTLER AM

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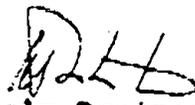
New York, 23 December 1992

Dear Colleagues,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Western European and other States Group for the month of December, I have the honour to forward the following:

- a letter from the Permanent Representative of Belgium indicating that Belgium is interested in membership in the following organs: 1) UNICEF's Executive Board, 2) Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 3) Commission on Transnational Corporations, 4) Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, 5) Commission on Sustainable Development.
- a letter from the Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States (GRULAC) informing that GRULAC has endorsed the candidacy of Grenada to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
- a list of candidacies submitted by members of WEOG as of 23 December 1992.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and may I also wish you and your Mission a Merry Christmas.


Wilhelm Breitanstein
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Finland

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Permanent Observers of the Western
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New York, le 17 décembre 1992.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur de m'adresser à Vous en votre qualité de Président du Groupe des Etats de l'Europe occidentale et autres Etats.

En vue des élections qui auront lieu lors de la session d'organisation de l'ECOSOC en 1993, mon Gouvernement voudrait dès maintenant indiquer son intérêt pour un siège dans les organes suivants:

- Conseil Exécutif de l'UNICEF;
- Commission des stupéfiants;
- Commission des Entreprises Transnationales;
- Comité des Politiques et Programmes d'Aide Alimentaire;
- Commission du Développement Durable.

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir porter cette communication à la connaissance des membres du WEOG et d'en tenir compte dans l'établissement de l'ordre du jour de futures réunions du Groupe.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, l'expression de ma haute considération.

Paul NOTERDAEME,
Ambassadeur,

Représentant permanent de la Belgique,
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies.

S.E.M. WILHELM BREITENSTEIN
Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire
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Excellency:

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States (GRULAC) for the current month, and to inform that the GRULAC has endorsed the candidacy of Grenada to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

May I seek your assistance, Excellency, in bringing this matter to the attention of ~~your regional group for possible support~~

I avail myself, Excellency, of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lionel A. Hurst
Permanent Representative
and
Chairman of the Group of Latin
American and Caribbean States

H.E. Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
of Finland to the United Nations and
Chairman of the Western European Group of States
New York.

December 17, 1992

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A LIST OF CANDIDACIES SUBMITTED AS OF 23 DECEMBER 1992 BY MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP CONCERNING UPCOMING ELECTIONS DURING THE 1993 ECOSOC SESSION

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

- Germany (re-election)

Commission on Human Rights

- Austria
- Germany (re-election)
- Italy
- Spain
- Turkey

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

- Belgium

Commission on Sustainable Development

- Austria
- Belgium
- Netherlands

Commission on Transnational Corporations

- Belgium

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

- Belgium

Committee on the Rights of the Child

- Malta/Mr. Alfred Zammit-Montebello
- Portugal/Mrs. Marta Santos Pais (re-election)

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Statistical Commission

- Germany (re-election)
- Spain

UNICEF's Executive Board

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New York, 30 December 1992

Dear Colleague,

In my capacity as current Chairman of the Western European and other States Group for the month of December, it is my pleasure to send you annexed copies of the following:

~~a letter dated 23 December 1992 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Argentina stating that the Latin American and Caribbean Group has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Raul Estrada Ovuela, current vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for Framework Convention on Climate Change, for the position of Chairman of that body.~~

a letter dated 24 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, Ambassador Lionel A. Hurst current Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group confirming the information contained in the aforementioned letter from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Argentina concerning the candidature of Mr. Raul Estrada Ovuela for the Chairmanship of the INC for a Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The letter from Ambassador Hurst furthermore advises that the Latin American and Caribbean Group has endorsed Dr. Kenneth O. Rattray of Jamaica for the post of Chairman of the UN Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

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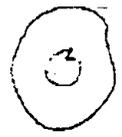
- a letter dated 24 December 1992 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Netherlands stating that his Government has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Jan Hoekema for the Chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for a Conference to review the operation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Hoekema is attached.

- a letter which reached me on 28 December 1992 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Austria stating that the Austrian Government has decided to present the candidature of Ambassador Winfried Lang, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva, for the Chairmanship in the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Ambassador Lang's curriculum vitae is attached.

- a letter dated 29 December 1992 from the Permanent ~~Observer of Switzerland, Ambassador Manz~~ announcing ~~the candidature of Switzerland for the Commission on Sustainable Development.~~

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Wilhelm Breitenstein
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Finland



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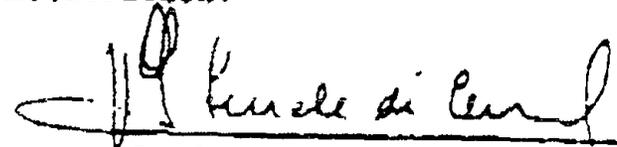
New York, December 23, 1992.

Excellency,

I have the honour of addressing you in your capacity as Chairman of the Group of the States of Western Europe and other States for the month of December 1992.

I wish through you, to bring to the attention of the members of the Group, the fact that the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Raul Estrada Oyuela, current vicechairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for Framework Convention on Climate Change, for the position of Chairman of that body. Election will take place next March, here in New York.

Kindly accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


R. Carlos Bersale di Cerisano
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

H. E. Ambassador Wilhelm Brittenstein
Chairman of the Group of the States
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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States (GRULAC) for the current month, and to inform you of the events of the December 22, 1992 meeting of the GRULAC:

- (i) The Group endorsed Ambassador Raul Estrada Oyuela of Argentina for the post of Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (INC/FCCC), in the elections to be held during the INC's Seventh Session in New York in March 1993.
- (ii) Dr. The Honourable Kenneth O. Rattray, O.J., Q.C. of Jamaica was endorsed by the Group for the post of Chairman of the United Nations Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, in the elections to be held during the Conference's organizational session in 1993.

I seek your assistance, Excellency, in bringing these GRULAC endorsements to the attention of your regional group for its support.

I avail myself, Excellency, of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lionel A. Hurst

Lionel A. Hurst
Permanent Representative
and
Chairman of the Group of Latin
American and Caribbean States

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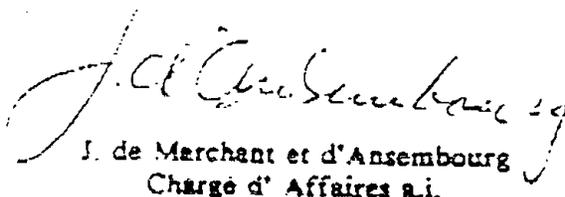
New York, 24 December 1992

Excellency,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Others States Group (WEOG) for the month of December 1992 to inform you that the Netherlands Government has decided to present the candidature of Mr Jan Hoekema for the function of Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for a Conference to review the operation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to decide on its extension. This Preparatory Committee will hold its first meeting in New York from 10 to 14 May 1992 (UNGA resolution 47/52 A, entitled Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee).

Mr Jan Hoekema is currently Director for UN Political Affairs at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. His curriculum vitae is attached.

Please accept, Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.


J. de Marchant et d'Ansembourg
Chargé d' Affaires a.i.

His Excellency Mr Wilhelm Breitenstein
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
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to the United Nations
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New York, 10017

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6**CURRICULUM VITAE****JAN TH. HOEKEMA****MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE HAGUE**

UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR (since 1990). Responsible for multilateral arms control and disarmament (chemical, biological and nuclear weapons), non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and existing export-control regimes. Also responsible for UN political affairs, including UN Security Council and UN peacekeeping operations.

Past experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 1977) includes assignment at the NATO Department and the Policy Planning Division (speech-writing, policy analysis). Also charged with public relations. Directed campaign in his capacity of chairman of a steering group for the acquisition of the seat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the Hague.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

Other functions include his activities in local politics: membership of City Council of Leiden since 1978 for "Democrats 66", of which he was chairman from 1981-1989. Member of "Democrats 66" Foreign Affairs Committee from 1981-85.

PUBLICATIONS

Numerous articles on international affairs (including arms control and non-proliferation) in leading Dutch periodicals. Co-author of publication "On Security and Peace" of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Articles in daily and weekly newspapers.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Leiden University, Masters Degree in Western Sociology and Masters Degree in Political Science (1975).

MILITARY SERVICE

Royal Netherlands Airforce, Disarmament Division (1975-77)

JAN HOEKEMA was born 14 February 1952. He is married and has two children.

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Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you in your capacity as the current Chairman of WEOG that the Austrian Government has decided to present the candidature of Ambassador Winfried Lang, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva, for the Chairmanship in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Ambassador Lang's Curriculum vitae is attached.

After the successful conclusion of the negotiation for the Framework Convention on Climate Change under the chairmanship of Mr. Jean Ripert of France, the participating states are entering a decisive new phase in the work of the INC/PCCC. They now face the challenge of preparing the first Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention. This Conference will have to take important decisions requiring effective preparatory work.

Prof. Lang is presently Permanent Representative of Austria at Geneva responsible for relations with the United Nations, the specialised Agencies as well as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the European Free Trade Association.

To the
Permanent Representative of Finland
Ambassador Wilhelm Brattenstein

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In his capacity as head of the Austrian delegation to the INC/PCCC, Prof. Lang has been fully involved in the negotiations. He has also been a senior member of the Austrian delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. As president of the UN-Conferences on the Protection of the Ozone Layer in Vienna 1985 and Montreal 1987 as well as of the UN-conference on Biological and Bacteriological Weapons in Geneva 1986, Prof. Lang has already proved himself to be an effective consensus builder.

The experience acquired by Prof. Lang in these positions would undoubtedly be of great value in the forthcoming work of the INC/PCCC.

The government of Austria is convinced that Prof. Lang has the qualifications, both personal and professional necessary to guide the INC/PCCC towards a successful first conference of the Parties.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter and the attached curriculum to the members of WEOG.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS HAJNOSSI
Chargé d'Affaires

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- 1989 - 1966 Studies at Vienna University (Law School), Oslo University, the Hague Academy of International Law and the Vienna Diplomatic Academy
- since 1966 Member of the diplomatic service of Austria (postings abroad include Paris, Tokio and Geneva)
- During his assignments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Vienna he worked mainly in the international law department and from 1987 to 1991 as Deputy Head of the private office of the Foreign Minister
- 1978 - 1978 Austrian delegate to Legal Committee of UN-General Assembly
- 1977 - 1983 Chairman of the Transfrontier Pollution Group of OECD (Paris)
- since 1983 Professor of international law and international relations at the University of Vienna
- 1988 President of the UN-Conference on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (Vienna)
- 1986 President of the UN-Conference on Biological and Biotechnological Weapons (Geneva)
- 1987 President of the UN-Conference on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer (Montreal)
- 1990 Laureate of the Environment Award of the United Nations "Global 500"
- since 1991 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Geneva.
- 1991/1992 Head of the Austrian delegation to negotiations on Climate Change, Conventions and member of the Austrian delegation to the Rio Summit (UNCED)
- 1992 Member of the OECD-team for the review of the environmental performance of Portugal

His publications include books and articles on the following subjects:

- neutrality
- law of treaties (treaty-making, interpretation and implementation of treaties)
- political and economic integration
- disarmament
- protection of the environment and international law
- international relations (negotiations)



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New York, December 29, 1992

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you in your capacity as current Chairman of WEOG that Switzerland, in conformity with her active participation in environmental issues, will be a candidate for the Commission on Sustainable Development. I should be grateful if you could inform the members of WEOG accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Observer of
Switzerland to the United Nations

Johannes J. Manz

His Excellency Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein
Permanent Representative of Finland
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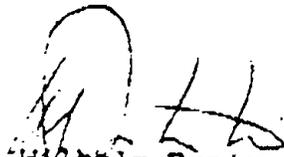
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New York, 4 January 1993

Dear Colleague

In my capacity as Chairman of the Western European and other States Group for the month of December last year I should like to transmit to you a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus, Ambassador Buravkin, the Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States for the month of December which I received only today concerning the Membership of the Czech and the Slovak Republics respectively in various UN bodies upon these two Republics becoming two separate and new Member States of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Wilhelm Breitenstein
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Finland

The Permanent Representatives and
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December 29, 1992

Excellency,

In my capacity of the Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States for the month of December I have the honour to inform you on the following:

The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, the original Member of the United Nations and Member of the Group of Eastern European States, will cease to exist on December 31, 1992. The Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic will apply for membership in the United Nations as soon as possible /doc.A/47/774/.

The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic has been the member of several organs of the United Nations which are mentioned below.

Permanent Representative of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Ambassador Eduard KUKAN in his letter dated 18 December 1992 informed the Group of Eastern European States on the following:

The Czech Republic - as one of the two successor States - is interested to be the member of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Committee on the Implementation of the Declaration on Decolonization, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization/ these are organs of the General Assembly/, the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the last four organs are elected by the ECOSOC.

H. E. Mr. Wilhelm Braitenstein
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland
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Chairman of the Group of Western European and Other States

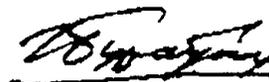
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The Slovak Republic - as one of the two successor States - is interested to be the member of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the Conference on Disarmament and the Committee on Information (these are organs of the General Assembly), the Governing Board of the United Nations Environment Programme (elected by the General Assembly), the Commission on the Status of Women, the Governing Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the last two organs are elected by the ECOSOC.

The Group of Eastern European States extended its full support to the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic in their endeavors to become members of the United Nations and its above-mentioned organs.

I would be grateful if you informed accordingly the members of your Regional Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Guennadi N. Buravkin
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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---BEILIN MTG WITH WEOG AMBASSADORS IN ISRAEL

ISRAELS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER YOSSI BEILIN YESTERDAY CONVENED
AMBASSADORS OF WEOG COUNTRIES ACCREDITED TO ISRAEL.

2.PURPOSE WAS TO SEEK UNDERSTANDING/SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO WEOG.

3.BEILIN AGREED THAT ISRAEL WAS ONLY STATE THAT WAS NOT MEMBER OF
ANY UN GROUP. ISRAELS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE WAS TO JOIN ASIA GROUP 2
BUT, SINCE THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN IMMEDIATE TERM, ISRAEL WAS
TURNING TO ITS QUOTE FRIENDS UNQUOTE IN WEOG FOR SUPPORT. HE
CONTENDED THAT GOVERNMENT NEEDED WIN ON THIS TO DEMONSTRATE TO
PUBLIC OPINION THAT ISRAELS NEW OPENNESS TO UN AND ITS AGENGIES
WAS RECIPROCATED, AND THAT QUOTE THE WHOLE WORLD IS NOT AGAINST
US UNQUOTE. BEILIN REQUESTED THAT WEOG COUNTRIES REVISIT THEIR
NON-DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

4.BEILIN USED OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING TO URGE COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED NOT TO SUPPORT QUOTE ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS AT UNGA
BY VOTING FOR NON-ACTION ON SUCH RESOLUTIONS. ON THE QUESTION OF

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ISRAELS CREDENTIALS, HE URGED SUPPORT FOR THE QUOTE NORDIC MOVE
UNQUOTE.

5. FINALLY BEILIN DISTRIBUTED AN ISRAELI PAPER ON NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION, WHICH IS BEING FAXED SEPARATELY TO IDA/IMU FOR
APPROPRIATE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

6. THERE WAS LITTLE EYE CONTACT AROUND THE TABLE, WITH MOST
AMBASSADORS PRESENT STUDIOUSLY LOOKING AT THEIR NOTES AND
OTHERWISE LOOKING UNCOMFORTABLE.

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---INCLUSION DISRAEL AU SEIN DU GROUPE WEOG
 REUNION DU GROUPE WEOG A EU LIEU VENDREDI 16 OCTOBRE, AU COURS DE
 LAQUELLE IL A NOTAMMENT ETE QUESTION DE CIT ISRAEL AND WEOG FINCIT.

2. CE POINT REFERE A INCLUSION D ISRAEL AU SEIN DE GROUPE WEOG. TEL
 QU IL NOUS L AVAIT ETE ANNONCE, POINT NE VISAIT QU A INFORMER MEMBRES
 DU GROUPE D UNE DEMARCHE QUE REP PERM D ISRAEL A EFFECTUE RECEMMENT
 AUPRES DU REP PERM DANEMARK, CONCERNANT LEUR EVENTUEL ACCESSION AU
 GROUPE WEOG. EN REponse, CE DERNIER NE S EST ENGAGE QU A TRANSMETTRE
 INFORMATION AU GROUPE, DONT MEMBRES DEVRAIENT EFFECTUER CONSULTATIONS
 AUPRES DE LEUR CAPITALE RESPECTIVE. ISRAELIENS NE DESIRAIENT PAS NON
 PLUS QUE QUESTION SOIT DISCUTEE PLUS A FOND AU COURS DE REUNION DU
 16, ETANT CONSCIENTS, SELON DIRES DE PRESIDENCE DANOISE, DE
 RETICENCES QUE CETTE QUESTION SOULEVE ENCORE AUPRES D UN CERTAIN
 NOMBRE DE MEMBRES DU GROUPE.

3. POUR VOTRE INFO, UN REP DES ETATS-UNIS A QUI AVONS PARLE NOUS A
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ISRAEL ET LE WEOG

La problématique question de l'adhésion d'Israël au WEOG ne sera pas davantage discutée cette année à l'AGNU. Elle le sera à nouveau l'an prochain à Genève dans le cadre de l'OMPI (WIPO).

Les Européens ont opposé une forte résistance à la volonté d'Israël qui a préféré remettre la question à plus tard. Les Européens voient d'un mauvais oeil l'arrivée d'un nouveau membre dans leur groupe alors que le nombre de postes disponibles demeure le même.

Le Canada partage cette préoccupation mais n'en fait pas l'élément capital de sa prise de position. La Secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures a en effet décidé que le Canada appuierait la demande d'Israël de devenir membre du WEOG.

Le Canada privilégie le droit d'Israël de participer pleinement à toutes les activités de l'ONU. Or, l'opposition du groupe arabe empêche, encore pour le moment, Israël de devenir membre du groupe asiatique; seul le WEOG transcende les frontières géographiques.

Nous avons annexé une copie du récent mémoire à la ministre sur le sujet.

AGENDA POUR LA PAIX

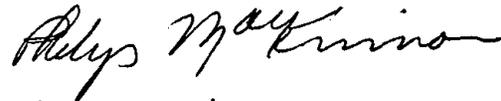
Nous avons annexé à cet envoi les trois documents récents qui développent la position du Canada. Ce sont:

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- le discours de la SEAE devant l'AGNU;
- le discours de notre Ambassadeur en réponse au rapport du secrétaire général à la 47ième AGNU;
- le discours de notre attaché militaire devant le Comité spécial sur les opérations de paix.

Le directeur
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---COLOMBIA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF G-77

COLOMBIAS ELECTION IN NYORK AS PRESIDENT OF G-77 FOR 1993-94 TO
SUCCEED PAKISTAN HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED IT AS A DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH.

2.COLOMBIAS POSITION AS G-77 PRESIDENT WILL BE ASSUMED BY FORMER
FORMIN AND CURRENT AMB TO UN, LUIS FERNANDO JARAMILLO CORREA.

3.FORMIN NOEMI SANIN HAS SAID THAT THIS POSITION WILL ALLOW
COLOMBIA TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN ESTABLISHING BETTER EQUILIBRIUM
BETWEEN THE ECONOMIES OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH. SHE INDICATED THAT
AT A TIME WHEN THE APPARENT TERMINATION OF THE COLD WAR INCREASES
THE RISK OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, THE G-77 HAS
BECOME AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FORUM FOR NEGOTIATION AND DISCUSSION
IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF INTAL RELATIONS THAT IS MORE
JUST, EQUAL AND RESPECTFUL OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL. SHE INVITED ALL
MEMBERS OF THE G-77 TO PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY IN THIS PROCESS.

4.THE MINISTER WENT ON TO SIGNAL WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE COLOMBIAS
PRIORITY AS G-77 PRESIDENT: ENSURING THAT CONTINUING ECONOMIC
LIBERALIZATION IN THE SOUTH IS NOT MET BY INCREASING PROTECTIONISM

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IN THE NORTH. HAVING LAST WEEK BLASTED THE PROTECTIONISM OF THE EEC IN MEETINGS BETWEEN EUROPEAN FORMINS AND THOSE OF THE RIO GROUP IN NYORK, THE MINISTER AGAIN REITERATED THE DANGER OF CLOSED ECONOMIC BLOCS EMERGING, IN PART BECAUSE OF THE WORLD RECESSION. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT NEITHER THE NORTH OR THE SOUTH MUST LOSE THEIR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE LARGE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

5. REFLECTING COLOMBIAS COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE, THE MINISTER INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND RESULTING IN A FREE, NON-DISCRIMINATORY WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

6. THE MINISTER ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION TOWARDS REALIZATION OF COMMON SOLUTIONS. RECALLING THE COLOMBIAN POSITION THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CANNOT SACRIFICE THEIR DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT, SHE CALLED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A COMMON G-77 POSITION ON THE COMPROMISES THAT EMERGED FROM THE RIO SUMMIT.

7. COMMENT: WE FIND COLOMBIAN CHOICE FOR G-77 PRESIDENT AN INTERESTING ONE. A FEW YEARS AGO WE DOUBT THAT A COUNTRY WITH COLOMBIAS CONSERVATIVE FOREIGN POLICY AND FAIRLY LIBERAL APPROACH TO INNATL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN SELECTED. NOW COLOMBIAS CREDENTIALS SEEM TO BE PART OF THE EMERGING ANTI-PROTECTIONIST, DEVELOPMENTALLY ORIENTED THINKING AMONG A MAJORITY OF G-77. WE EXPECT COLOMBIA TO EMPHASIZE QUOTE LIBERAL ECONOMICS

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UNQUOTE DURING ITS TENURE AS G-77 PRESIDENT. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE,
WE SHOULD NOTE THAT DESPITE COLOMBIAS TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE PRO-
USA CREDENTIALS (ONLY LATIN COUNTRY TO HAVE SENT TROOPS TO KOREA),
OF LATE IT HAS BECOME VERY SENSITIVE TO ISSUES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND
NON-INTERVENTION. IN FACT, COLOMBIA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MORE
OUTSPOKEN COUNTRIES AT THE UN IN CAUTIONING AGAINST ANY HIJACKING
OF THE ORGANIZATION TO REALIZE BIG POWER INTERESTS AND IN FAVOURING
DEMOCRATIC REFORM.

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SUMMARY: INFORMAL 3RD CTTEE WEOG GROUP HAD FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THIS WEEK UNDER AUSTRALIAN COORDINATOR. WE HAD BENEFIT OF OVERVIEW OF 3RD CTTEE WORK PROVIDED BY CHAIR OF 3RD CTTEE, FLORIAN KRENKEL OF AUSTRIA. (SEPARATE TEL WILL FOLLOW ON DISCUSSION CONCERNING HRPS WORLD CONFERENCE.)

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2. REPORT: EXPECTATIONS IN 3RD CTTEE WEOG GENERALLY WERE REFLECTIVE OF ISSUES DISCUSSED IN OUR REFTEL AND IN THE LIST OF RESLNS ATTACHED TO OUR REFFAX. FOLLOWING DESCRIBES SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

3. ITEM 91: RACISM: REPORT OF CERD CTTEE RESLN IS USUALLY INTRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVIA. THIS YEAR ANOTHER EASTERN EURO DEL (POSSIBLY SLOVENIA) MAY INTRODUCE RESLN.

4. ITEM 93(A) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT/ITEM 12 ECOSOC: CHILE EXPECTS TO DEAL WITH WORLD SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT WITHIN ITEM 12 RATHER THAN UNDER SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUE, EFFECTIVELY POSTPONING DEADLINE FOR TABLING UNTIL END OF NOV.

5. ITEM 97(B): HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: USA INTENDS TO INTRODUCE QUOTE TECHNICAL UNQUOTE RESLNS ON PERIODIC AND GENUINE ELECTIONS AND ON RIGHT TO PROPERTY. AUSTRIA MAY INTRODUCE RESLN ON THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES.

6. ITEM 97(C): HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES: FOLLOWING LISTS IN BRACKETS LEADING SPONSOR/COORDINATOR FOR EACH RESLN ON COUNTRY SITUATION INDICATED: IRAQ (EC); EX-YUGO (USA - WILL BE LOOKING FOR ACTIVE WEOG SUPPORT); EL SAL (COSTA RICA); AFGHANISTAN (ITALY AS COORDINATOR); HAITI (VENEZUELA WITH CANADA AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF WORKING GROUP); IRAN (USUAL GROUP OF WEOG CO-SPONSORS INCLUDING CDA); CUBA (USA); MYANMAR (SWEDEN WITH CANADA AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF WKING GROUP).

7. STATUS OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL RAPORTEURS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1) SPECIAL RAPORTEUR FOR EX-YUGO WILL RETURN TO EX-YUGO IN EARLY OCT; KRENKEL EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT SPECIAL RAPORTEUR DEVOTE

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MORE OF NEXT REPORT TO HR, PERHAPS ISSUING SEPARATE REPORTS IF NECESSARY ON HR AND POLITICAL SITUATION; 2) CUBA: REPORT ON CUBA WILL BE ISSUED IN MID OCT; 3) AFGHANISTAN AND HAITI: REPORTS ON THESE TWO COUNTRIES SHD BE RELEASED SOON; THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIT TO HAITI; 4) MYANMAR: SPEC RAPP WILL ONLY BE VISITING MYANMAR AFTER 3RD CTTEE HAS DEALT WITH MATTER BUT WILL SUBMIT REPORT IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

8. ORGANIZATION OF WORK: KRENKEL ALSO TOUCHED ON ORGANISATION OF WORK AT 3RD CTTEE BY NOTING THAT HE HOPES TO HAVE EVERY DOC ISSUED TWO WEEKS BEFORE DISCUSSION ON ITEM AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO DEADLINES SET FOR TABLING OF RESNS AT THIS STAGE; DEADLINES WILL BE SET BASED ON PROGRES ON RESLNS. PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE ARE TO BE INVITED TO BRIEF 3RD CTTEE IN CLOSED SESSIONS AT WHICH DELS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

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---WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS:WEOG MEETING

WEOG MET FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER PREPCOM III TO SHARE VIEWS WITH VISITING UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, FLORIAN KRENKEL

(AUSTRIA), ON HOW THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE MIGHT BE ADVANCED IN NEW YORK DURING THE GA.

2. INITIAL COMMENTS FROM KRENKEL INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT/NOT PESSIMISTIC AS TO THE CHANCES OF GETTING A CLEAN, SHORT AGENDA, BASED ON 45/155, THROUGH THIRD COMMITTEE. HE STRESSED THE LESS POLARIZED ATMOSPHERE OF THE GA AS OPPOSED TO GENEVA AND POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT THE GROUP SYSTEM (PARTICULARLY AS APPLIED TO THE ASIANS) DOES NOT/NOT INFLUENCE WORK TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT IT DOES IN GENEVA. HE DID NOT/NOT SEE THE ATTENDANCE IN NEW YORK OF HALIMA WARZARZI (PREPCOM CHAIRPERSON) AS A PROBLEM AS HE FELT THAT SHE HAD BEEN CO-OPERATIVE IN THE PAST AND HAD THE INCENTIVE TO BE CO-OPERATIVE IN THE FUTURE. HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SUGGESTING THAT

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A SOLUTION TO THE IMPASSE ON THE AGENDA MIGHT BE TO APPROACH IT FROM THE ANGLE OF DECIDING WHAT WE WOULD WANT IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT AND WORKING BACKWARDS.

3. THE RESPONSE OF WEOG WAS COURTEOUS BUT CLEAR. NO MATTER HOW HARD WE WISH IT, THE PROBLEMS THAT SURFACED AT PREPCOM III WOULD NOT/NOT FADE AWAY SIMPLY BECAUSE OF A CHANGE OF VENUE. REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT REGIONAL GROUPS DID NOT/NOT WORK COHESIVELY IN NEW YORK MISSIONS WILL HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS OUT OF GENEVA CLEARLY SETTING OUT THE POSITIONS TAKEN. FAR FROM WORKING FROM A CLEAN SLATE, WE WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO AVOID THE ASIANS NEGOTIATING FROM THEIR CONSENSUS DRAFT AGENDA HAMMERED OUT AT PREPCOM III.

4. THE EC WAS GUARDED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NEW YORK. FRANCE WARNED THAT THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM WILL NOT/NOT DISAPPEAR SIMPLY BECAUSE THE ISSUE WAS RELEGATED TO SIXTH COMMITTEE. THE INDIANS ARE NOT/NOT GOING TO LOSE WHAT GAINS THEY MADE IN GENEVA IN HAVING TERRORISM PART OF THE ASIAN DRAFT. U.K. (AS PRESIDENCY) INDICATED THAT SOME MOVEMENT ON THE AGENDA QUESTION AND ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SHAPE OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT WERE NEEDED BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR SERIOUS DECISION MAKING ON THE PART OF ALL OF US AS TO THE FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. MOOD OF WEOG MEETING WAS WAIT AND SEE, NOT/NOT WANTING TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS FOR NEW YORK THAT COULD LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT.

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---WEOG AND HABITAT PERMREP MEETINGS

AT WEOG MTG 23SEP, MEMBERS AGREED

(A) TO NOMINATE CDN DEPTY PERMREP WALL AS

RAPPORTEUR FOR CTTEE OF PERM REPS OF UNCHS

(HABITAT) IN SUCCESSION TO CHISTOFF OF CDA

(WALL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTED AT CPR),

(B) TO APPOINT CDN PERM REP SMITH AS CHAIRMAN

OF WEOG FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS.

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Subject: WIPO: Group B: Israeli membership

Reference: Our COSICS formal msg C-EXTOTT-IMU-0367 18Sep

SSEA agreed 22Sep that Cda should support admission of Israel to Group B of WIPO and to WEOG at UNGA.

2. We have learned indirectly that a straw poll was taken within Group B Mon 21Sep with results of three in favour, seven against, and 20 quote undecided unquote. We would appreciate report of this meeting ASAP.

3. Israeli Emb has made numerous calls to Dept today stating that a vote is expected in WIPO tomorrow (23Sep) and suggesting an assessment of voting intentions strongly at variance with results of quote straw poll unquote mentioned above. We have been unable to establish whether such vote is indeed scheduled.

4. SSEA met Israeli FM on margins of UNGA 22Sep. Questions of membership in Group B of WIPO or WEOG at UNGA were not raised, although a non-paper was left with Cdn PermRep (presumably copy of same paper which Israeli Amb Ott handed to GGB last week).

5. Grateful you advise immed whether vote will be held on Israeli request 23Sep. If it is, you should vote in accordance with SSEAs instructions, para 1/1 above.

6. Mid-East issues are as sensitive as ever and it is essential that we receive reports in timely fashion on devts in multilateral bodies. Grateful for your co-operation in keeping us and GMR up-to-date on devts at WIPO.

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Action Memorandum for:
The Secretary of State for External Affairs

c.c. Minister for International Trade
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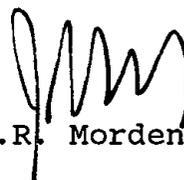
ISSUE: The United States, and later Israel itself, have sought Canadian support for the latter's admission to the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) of the United Nations General Assembly; Israel has also sought Canada's support for its admission to "Group B" (industrialized countries) at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that Canada support the admission of Israel to the Western European and Others Group at the General Assembly as well as to Group B at WIPO.



Gaétan Lavertu
Assistant Deputy Minister
Political and International
Security Affairs Branch



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CONSIDERATIONS:

In the UN, countries organize themselves generally along regional lines, for electoral co-ordination, information exchange and, on occasion, policy co-ordination. Because of its regional isolation, Israel is not a member of any group at the UN General Assembly nor at WIPO. The United States (an observer at, rather than a member of WEOG at the General Assembly) has lobbied members of the Group for Israel's admission. Also, on September 16, the Israeli Ambassador called on the Assistant Deputy Minister for Africa and the Middle East and left the attached non-paper.

There are arguments for and against admitting Israel to a "Western" regional group. The fundamental argument in favour is a right to participate fully in the activities of the UN system and to be elected to UN bodies. Moreover, at WIPO, its membership can be defended on the compatibility of its intellectual property regime with those of the industrialized countries. On the other hand, a number of WEOG governments, while hesitant to oppose outrightly, are distinctly cool to the idea of Israeli membership of WEOG in New York where it is exclusively an electoral body). All recognize Israel's right to full participation in the UN, but several fear that Israeli membership and candidatures would be detrimental to their interests and their own opportunity to be elected. This last issue is of special significance to non-EC members of the Group, including Canada, especially as many Eastern European countries also wish to join Western co-ordination groups. Finally, in bodies such as WIPO, Israel's presence would complicate discussion of any Arab-Israeli issues.

On balance, we consider that considerations of equity should lead Canada to support the admission of Israel to Western regional groups (at least temporarily pending the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict which might allow Israel to join the Asian group). Our contacts with other members of the Group suggest, however, that the likelihood of Israel's acceptance is not high.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The question of membership of a regional group (which always meets in private) is sufficiently technical as to be unlikely to have communications implications.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION:

A responsive press line has been developed.

BACKGROUND:

Canada strongly supported a successful campaign in 1991 for Israel's admission to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). Israel is a member of WEOG at UNESCO, but lost the election to the Executive Board in 1991 (despite Canadian support). It is a member of the European Regional Office of the World Health Organization. (Canada belongs to the Americas Region.) An expression of interest by Israel in a seat on the WHO Executive Board was firmly discouraged by its European colleagues.

ISRAEL - MEMBERSHIP IN U.N. REGIONAL GROUPS

- 1) CONSULTATIONS AND ELECTIONS AT THE U.N. ARE CONDUCTED, ACCORDING TO U.N. CHARTER ON THE BASIS OF REGIONAL GROUPS. ISRAEL IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT, UNWILLINGLY, DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY REGIONAL GROUP, AND THEREFORE CANNOT PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PROCEEDING AND WORK OF THE U.N. AND TO BE ELECTED TO ITS BODIES.

- 2) ISRAEL NATURALLY BELONGS TO THE ASIAN GROUP. YET, ISRAEL IS NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN IT (THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTS IN THIS GROUP: IRAN AND IRAQ, IRAQ AND KUWAIT, INDIA AND PAKISTAN, NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, STILL ISRAEL IS NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF ARAB OPPOSITION). REGRETTABLY THE U.N. AND ITS MEMBERS FOR OVER 40 YEARS RECONCILED THEMSELVES TO THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

- 3) UNTIL THIS SITUATION IS NORMALIZED, ISRAEL SHOULD BE ACCEPTED, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, TO THE GROUP OF WEST EUROPEANS AND OTHERS (W.E.O.) WHICH CONTRARY TO OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS IS ALSO AN IDEOLOGICAL ONE, AND INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ALSO CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND TURKEY.

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- 4) TWENTY NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN THE PAST YEAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND ALL OF THEM WILL BE INTEGRATED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND THE NEW UNITED NATIONS, IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD REMAIN AS THE ONLY MEMBER WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO A REGIONAL GROUP.

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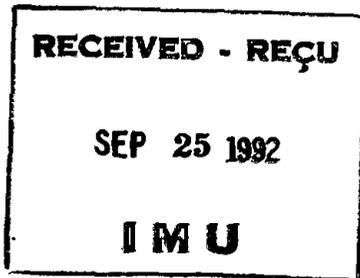
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THE US AND LATER ISRAEL ITSELF, HAVE SOUGHT CDN SUPPORT FOR THE LATTER'S ADMISSION TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; ISRAEL HAS ALSO SOUGHT CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR ITS ADMISSION TO "GROUP B" (INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES) AT THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO).



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EUROPEAN AND OTHER GOVT) GROUP. HE CALLED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT ON
16SEPT TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN WEOG.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ON 16SEPT PERM REP WD APPRECIATE YR
VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE ASAP.

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3. US EMB WILL ALSO BE MAKING PARALLEL DEMARCHE WITH IMU.

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ISRAEL IN THE WEOG

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--FOR MANY YEARS, ISRAEL HAS BEEN DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN THE INFORMAL REGIONAL GROUPINGS THAT GOVERN MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY IN THE UN. NOW IS THE TIME TO RECTIFY THIS EXCLUSIONARY TREATMENT OF ISRAEL.

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-- WITH THE MANY CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE UN, INCLUDING THE ADMISSION OF MANY NEW MEMBER STATES. THE BREAK UP OF THE OLD POWER BLOCS, AND PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTION 3379 IN THE LAST UNGA, WE HAVE THE IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO READJUST THE REGIONAL GROUPINGS THAT MEET INFORMALLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF UN AFFAIRS. THIS IS PRECISELY THE TIME TO ADMIT ISRAEL INTO A REGIONAL GROUP. SUCH AS THE WEOG.

--THE WEOG IS THE APPROPRIATE GROUP FOR ISRAEL TO JOIN AT THIS TIME, IN THAT IT CONSISTS OF DEVELOPED, WESTERNIZED COUNTRIES FROM VARIOUS REGIONS WITH COMMON DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. NOT JUST WESTERN EUROPE. ITS VERY NAME "WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS GROUF" INDCATES THAT GEOGRAPHY ALONE IS NOT THE DETERMINING FACTOR FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS GROUP .

-- UNFORTUNATELY, THE REGIONAL GROUFGING INTO WHICH ISRAEL GEOGRAPHICALLY FITS IS NOT PRESENTLY AN OPTION. THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA ARE FILLED WITH TROUBLED SPOTS, SUCH AS THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN, KUWAIT AND IRAQ. IN LEBANON, AND OTHERS YET ISRAEL IS THE ONLY STATE NOT ADMITTED TO THAT REGIONAL GROUP.

-- THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL AND THE NEW OPENNESS THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS DEMONSTRATED BY MAKING NEW PROPOSALS IN THE PEACE TALKS WITH THE ARABS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY SUCH GESTURES AS WEOG MEMBERSHIP.

--MOREOVER, ISRAEL'S RECENT ADMISSION AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE REINFORCES THE LOGIC THAT WEOG IS THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL GROUPING FOR ISRAEL TO JOIN.

--ISRAEL SHOULD BE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AS A FULL AND ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE UNITED NATIONS. INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BELONG TO SUCH A REGIONAL GROUP AS THE WEOG.

--WE RECOGNIZE THAT WEOG IN NEW YORK DEALS SOLELY WITH ELECTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. NOT WITH SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONMAKING, EVEN INFORMALLY. BUT ISRAEL HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THESE ELECTORAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES, INCLUDING ACCESS TO ELECTORAL SEATS, WHICH IS A CORE ELEMENT FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE UN SYSTEM.

--WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ISRAEL PARTICIPATE IN THE WEOG DURING THIS UPCOMING UNGA, AND URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEOG.

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ISRAEL - MEMBERSHIP IN U.N. REGIONAL GROUPS

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- 1) CONSULTATIONS AND ELECTIONS AT THE U.N. ARE CONDUCTED, ACCORDING TO U.N. CHARTER ON THE BASIS OF REGIONAL GROUPS. ISRAEL IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT, UNWILLINGLY, DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY REGIONAL GROUP, AND THEREFORE CANNOT PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PROCEEDING AND WORK OF THE U.N. AND TO BE ELECTED TO ITS BODIES.

- 2) ISRAEL NATURALLY BELONGS TO THE ASIAN GROUP. YET, ISRAEL IS NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN IT (THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTS IN THIS GROUP: IRAN AND IRAQ IRAQ AND KUWAIT, INDIA AND PAKISTAN, NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, STILL ISRAEL IS NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF ARAB OPPOSITION). REGRETTABLY THE U.N. AND ITS MEMBERS FOR OVER 40 YEARS RECONCILED THEMSELVES TO THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

- 3) UNTIL THIS SITUATION IS NORMALIZED, ISRAEL SHOULD BE ACCEPTED, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, TO THE GROUP OF WEST EUROPEANS AND OTHERS (W.E.O.) WHICH CONTRARY TO OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS IS ALSO AN IDEOLOGICAL ONE, AND INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ALSO CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND TURKEY.

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- 4) TWENTY NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN THE PAST YEAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND ALL OF THEM WILL BE INTEGRATED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND THE NEW UNITED NATIONS, IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD REMAIN AS THE ONLY MEMBER WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO A REGIONAL GROUP.

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2. DURING A WEOG MTG IN NY JULY 17 THE CHAIRMAN DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE THREE NEW FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS:

- (A) COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT: FOUR CANDIDATES AND TWO EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 13 SEATS.
- (B) CTTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: FIVE CANDIDATES AND TWO EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SIX SEATS. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE UK WITHDREW ITS INTEREST WHILE CANADA AND ITALY EXPRESSED POSSIBLE INTEREST IN ELECTION. IF CANADA WISHES TO PUT FORWARD THE NAME OF AN EXPERT, THIS SHOULD BE DONE NO LATER THAN 0900 HOURS THURSDAY, JULY 23, WHEN THE NEXT WEOG MTG WILL BE HELD.
- (C) CTTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ON ENERGY FOR DEVELOPMENT: ELEVEN CANDIDATES FOR SIX SEATS.

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>PETER A. VAN BRAKEL
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 CANDIDATURE CHART FOR ELECTIONS
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BELGIUM - (MR. G. KINT)
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MR. M. FALKENMARK, SWEDEN
 GERMANY (Dr Karlheinz Rieck)
 MR. H. OUDSHOORN, NETHERLANDS
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 ✓ MR. P. GERRESCH, BELGIUM
 ✓ MR. O.W. DIETRICH, DENMARK
 MR. B. DEVIN, FRANCE
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 MR. U. FARINELLI, ITALY
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Western European and Others Group
 Candidature Chart for elections at 47th General Assembly
 (Status as of 19 June 1992)

Body	WEOG Seats		WEOG Members		Candidates	Endorsed
	Total	Vacant	Present	Outgoing		
Vice-President 47th GA	2	2	Australia Italy	Australia Italy	Ireland Turkey	5/22/92
Security Council	2	2	Austria Belgium	Austria Belgium	New Zealand Spain Sweden	
ECOSOC	13	4	Australia Austria Belgium Canada Finland France Germany Italy Spain Sweden Turkey United Kingdom USA	Canada Finland Sweden United Kingdom	Canada Denmark Norway United Kingdom	5/18/92
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Committee on Conferences	4	2	Austria France USA Turkey	Austria USA	Austria USA	5/22/92
Committee on Contributions	5	2	Australia Greece Italy Sweden USA	Australia Greece	Greece Australia	5/22/92

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19 June 1992

Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of June, I have the honour to transmit a letter from the Permanent Representative of Sweden presenting candidates, Professor Thomas B. Johansson to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development and Professor Malin Falkenmark to the Committee on Natural Resources at elections to be held at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, 29 June to 31 July 1992. The Curriculum Vitae for Professors Johansson and Falkenmark are attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

RICHARD BUTLER AM

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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you, in your capacity as Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of June, that the Government of Sweden has decided to nominate Professor Thomas B. Johansson to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development and Professor Malin Falkenmark to the Committee on Natural Resources, at elections to be held at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, 29 June to 31 July 1992.

The Curriculum Vitae of Professors Johansson and Falkenmark are enclosed for your information. I would be grateful if you could transmit this information to the other members of the Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Peter Oswald
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Sweden to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Richard Butler
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Australia to the United Nations

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Lund University and Institute of Technology
Gerdagatan 13
S-223 62 LUND, Sweden

Telephone: +46-46108639
Telefax: +46-46108644

Born: September 10, 1943, Malmö.

Education

Lund Institute of Technology: Doctor in Nuclear Physics, 1977
Doctor of Technology Nuclear Physics 1974, Master of Science, Engineering Physics 1968

Positions etc

Professor of Energy Systems Analysis, University of Lund, 1985-
Director, Swedish Nuclear Power Inspectorate, 1977-1988
Director, Vattenfall (The Swedish State Power Board), 1988-91
Chairman, United Nation Solar Energy Group for Environment and Development (UNSEGED) 1990-91
Member, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Joint World Bank/UNDP Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP), 1991-
Member, Swedish Government Environment Advisory Council (Miljövärdsberedningen), 1991-

Publications

T.B. Johansson, Henry Kelly, A.K.N. Reddy, and R.H. Williams (Editors), "Renewable Energy: Fuels and Electricity", Island Press, 1992 (in press).

T.B. Johansson, B. Bodlund, and R.H. Williams (Editors), "Electricity - Efficient End-Use and New Generation Technologies, and Their Planning Implications", Lund University Press, 1989.

J. Goldemberg, T.B. Johansson, A.K.N. Reddy, and R.H. Williams, "Energy for a Sustainable World", Wiley Eastern, 1988.

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T.B. Johansson and P. Steen, "Perspektiv på Energi" (Perspectives on Energy), Liber, Stockholm, 1985 (in Swedish).

T.B. Johansson, R. Larsson, and P. Steen, "Effektiv Energi" (Efficient Energy), Liber, Stockholm, 1984 (in Swedish).

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S. Atterkvist and T.B. Johansson, "Solar Norway", Universitetsförlaget, Oslo, 1980 (in Norwegian).

T.B. Johansson and P. Steen: "Radioactive Waste From Nuclear Power Plants: Facing the Ringhals-3 Decision". University of California Press, 1980.

M. Lönroth, T.B. Johansson, and P. Steen: "Solar versus Nuclear - Choosing Energy Futures". Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1980.

T.B. Johansson and P. Steen: "Solar Sweden". Secretariat for Future Studies, Stockholm 1978. Reprinted by U.S. Congress after my testimony at the Joint Hearings before the Subcommittee on Energy Development and Applications of the Committee on Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Ninety-Sixth Congress, First Session, June 14, 21, 1979. Serial No. 96-98 (Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce), Volume VI, Washington 1979.

M. Lönroth, P. Steen, and T.B. Johansson, "Energy in Transition", University of California Press, Los Angeles, 1980.

Plus some 50 papers in scientific journals.

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Curriculum Vitae

Malin Falkenmark

is a Professor of International Hydrology at the Natural Science Research Council and Chairman of the National Swedish IHP Committee.

She studied hydrology at Uppsala University, Sweden. She joined the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute in 1953, specializing first in ice hydrology, later in lake hydrology and mainly active in environmental impact assessments of the ongoing hydropower development in Sweden. Her licentiate thesis in 1964 addressed the carrying capacity of an ice sheet. In 1965 she started a new career at the Natural Science Research Council with the task to support and encourage the development of modern hydrology within Sweden's participation in the International Hydrological Decade of Unesco. In 1975 she was awarded Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa. She chaired a Task Force at Linköping University developing an interdisciplinary graduate programme, focussed around water as a central theme. Since 1980 she has been active as Guest Professor addressing interdisciplinary water issues at the Department for Water in Environment and Society at Linköping University. She has served as expert to the Ministry of Agriculture and on several Governmental Committees.

Professor Falkenmark is intensively active on the international scene. In the inter-governmental community, she served as Rapporteur General at the United Nations' Water Conference in 1977 in Mar del Plata. In Unesco she initiated and co-edited the 1989 published textbook "Comparative Hydrology. An Ecological Approach to Land use and Water Resources". She presently serves as consultant also to FAO and the World Bank, in particular on water scarcity issues.

She is active also in the international scientific community. Former Vice President of International Water Resources Association, she presently chairs its Committee on Water Strategies for the 21 Century. In the International Association for Hydrological Sciences, she chairs its Working Group on the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme. She has also worked with IIASA on the effects of climate change for the future of Europe. She is a university lecturer, author of over 150 water science publications (incl. the book *Water for a Starving World*, co-authored with G. Lindh and published for the UN Water Conference), and was 1988 awarded in Sweden for her efforts in popularizing water complexity to policy-makers and the public. Her recent research contributions include studies in environmental management (incl. climate change, water scarcity implications for the Third World development, and the links between terrestrial ecology and hydrology). She is a Global 500 Laureate and scientific advisor to the World Bank/UNEP/UNDP Global Environmental Facility.

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CURRICULUM VITAE**FOR MALIN FALKENMARK, Stockholm, SWEDEN****1. Personal background**

- * born 21 november 1925 in Stockholm, Sweden
- * married 3 february 1951 to Per Falkenmark
- * divorce 25 august 1978
- * remarried 4 april 1985 to Sven Bertil Wahlborn
- * children in first marriage
 - Per Halvar Andreas born 1955
 - Ruth Ingrid Cecilia born 1957
 - Annika Fanny Margit born 1964

2. Higher education

- * student exam at Lyceum för flickor, Stockholm 1944
- * filosofie magister exam (mathematics 2 points, physics 2 1/2, chemistry 2 1/2, mechanics 1 1/2) at Uppsala university 1950
- * completing examination to do in hydrology (3 points) 1961
- * special examination in water resources development at Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm 1956
- * filosofie licentiate exam, specializing in hydrology, at Uppsala University 1963 (thesis: On the Bearing Capacity of Lake Ice)

3. Professional activity

- * hydrologist at Ice Branch of the Hydrological Division, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, Stockholm, starting 1953
- * state hydrologist at do, starting 1957
- * first state hydrologist at do, starting 1964
- * head of the Hydrophysical Branch at do, starting 1964
- * do with title Department Director, starting 1971
- * Scientific Secretary at Natural Science Research Council, Stockholm, starting 1978

4. Official Assignments as employee

- * Secretary of the National Committee for the International Hydrological Decade, Natural Science Research Council, Stockholm 1965-74 (half-time 1965-66)
- * Executive Committee Member (full time) in do 1966-74
- * Secretary and Executive Member of Committee for Hydrology at Natural Science Research Council, Stockholm (half time 1975-80, full time 1981-86)
- * Expert in Ministry of Agriculture (half time) 1975-80
- * Professor of Applied and International Hydrology, Natural Science Research Council (personal chair) since 1986.

5. Other Assignments

- * Expert to the Committee for Water Protection of the 1964 Government Commission for Natural Resources 1967-68
- * Hydrology Expert of the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities 1967-70
- * Member of the Expert Committee for Research and Other Issues of the Swedish National Committee for the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment 1969-72
- * Member of the Government's Environment Advisory Board 1973-82

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- * Member of the Water Protection Advisory Board of the Environment Protection Board 1973-end of duty
- * Member of the Research Council of the Environment Protection Board 1974-77
- * Chairman of the Research Committee for Lakes, Rivers and Groundwater of that Board 1974-78
- * Member of the Steering Committee for the Limnological Investigations, Environment Protection Board 1975-77
- * Member of the Governmental Committee for Environmental Data 1974-end of duty
- * Secretary of Sweden's Preparatory Committee for the UN Water Conference 1976-end of duty
- * Member of the National Committee for Water Protection Research of the Royal Academy of Sciences since 1975
- * Scientific Consultant to AMBIO, Journal of the Royal Academy of Sciences since 1978
- * Member (proposed by Royal Academy of Sciences and Natural Science Research Council) of the Council on Interdisciplinary Research at Linköping University, Sweden, 1980-1985
- * Expert of the Governmental Committee on Water Resources Planning 1978-end of duty
- * Expert of the Governmental Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment 1978-end of duty
- * Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Building Research Council, Stockholm since 1983
- * Member of Target Area Group Water for International Inventors' Award 1985-end of duty
- * Member of Working Group for Goal-oriented and Transdisciplinary Research of the Natural Science Research Council since 1983.

6. International Tasks

- * Representative of Sweden in Nordic Committee for IHD Cooperation 1967-74
- * Representative of Sweden in Coordinating Committee for Hydrology in Norden 1975-86
- * Board Member, Nordic Hydrological Association 1970-74
- * Expert Group Member, International IHD Project on the Water Balance of the Baltic Sea, 1975-end of duty
- * Rapporteur General of the UN Water Conference at Mar del Plata in 1977
- * Member of Unesco's Planning Group for Second Phase of the International Hydrological Program 1977
- * Member of Panel of Experts on Environmental Management for Vector Control, World Health Organization 1985-88
- * Member of the Advisory Board, later Member of the Board and Vice President, International Water Resources Association (IWRA) 1976-88
- * Chairman of the IWRA Committee on Water Strategies for the 21 Century since 1985
- * Chairman of the Editorial Board on Cooperative Hydrology, IHP, Unesco since 1985
- * Consultant to Working Group on Water Management, United Nations Committee for Development Planning 1988-89.

7. Research Leader Functions

- * Project Leader for the Swedish IHD Project Lake Hydrology 1967-76
- * Member of Project Leader Group for Water as seen from a Developing Country Perspective 1976-end of project (study published by Pergamon Press)
- * Leader of Planning Group on the Intersection Land use/Water Quality within Societal Planning, Swedish Council for Planning and Coordination of Research 1981-end of duty
- * Principal, Globe Tree Foundation (aim: creating a dialogue between children and adults on environmental issues) since 1986

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3. Honorary Awards

- * Filosofia Doctor Honoris Causa, Linköping University 1975
- * Winner of Environmental Prize of the Center Party, Sweden 1988 (for skill in popularizing scientific information).

Stockholm September 1, 1989

Matti Falkenmark

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YOU WILL NOTE THAT CANADA IS ENDORSED FOR ECOSOC AND FOR A POSITION AS
VICE-PRESIDENT OF UNCED. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A CONTESTED ELECTION FOR
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Detlev Graf zu Rantzau
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27 May 1992

Excellency,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Western European
and Other States Group for the month of May 1992.

At our last meeting, on Friday, 22 May 1992, we agreed on Tuesday, 26
May 1992, end of business hours, as the deadline for registering objections
concerning UNCED candidatures.

Having received no objections by this deadline, I consider the following
agreement to be in effect:

1. The following seven States have been endorsed for the vice-presidencies
of UNCED:

Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Switzerland,
United Kingdom, United States.
2. The Netherlands have been endorsed as candidate for the vice-
chairmanship of the Main Committee of UNCED allocated to the WEOG.

I am also enclosing a chart of WEOG candidatures for the elections that
will take place in the context of the 47th session of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers of the
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Candidature Chart for elections at 47th General Assembly
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I have the honour to inform you, in your capacity as chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of November, that the German Government has decided to present its candidature for the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme for Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

I would be grateful if you could transmit this information to the other members of our Group.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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PRIOR TO WEOG MTG TODAY, PERMREPS OF CANZ COUNTRIES MET TO TAKE STOCK. CDN PERMREP MADE CLEAR POLITICAL PROFILE OF UNCED WITHIN CDA, RECALLED CDAS LEADING ROLE DURING PREPCOM AND IN RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL NEGS, AND NOTED THAT PM WLD HEAD CANDEL TO RIO WHICH WLD FEATURE AS WELL IMPRESSIVE LIST OF MINS. AUSTLAN PERMREP BARKER HAD EARLIER INDICATED TO US THAT GIVEN PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION AND INNINGS ALREADY ENJOYED BY AUSTLA ON UNCED PREPCOM BUREAU THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO CNBRA THAT IT YIELD ON UNCED BUREAU MEMBERSHIP. TO EITHER NZ OR CDA. (HE HAS NOT/NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM CNBRA.) NZ PERMREP O BRIEN INDICATED THAT IF ALL OTHER INFORMAL GROUPINGS WITHIN WEOG CLD AGREE ON CANDIDATES, NZ WLD BE WILLING TO WITHDRAW IN FAVOUR OF CDA.

2. ON SURFACE, WEOG MTG ITSELF REVEALED LITTLE CHANGE SINCE REFTEL. HOWEVER, NZ DID INDICATE TO WEOG THAT IT WLD BE WILLING TO STAND DOWN IF OTHER INFORMAL GROUPINGS WITHIN WEOG CLD ALSO AGREE ON THEIR CANDIDACIES. AUSTLA ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ELECTIONS FOR UNCED BUREAU IF AT ALL

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POSSIBLE, LAYING EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF AGREED WEOG SLATE,
AND HENCE, AGREEMENTS AMONG ITS INFORMAL GROUPINGS. NOTING
THAT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS IN FAVOUR OF EXTENDING PREPCOM
BUREAU INTO UNCED ITSELF, HE BELIEVED AUSTLA SHLD SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER WITHDRAWING. HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A
DEFINITIVE AUSTLN POSTN WITHIN DAY OR TWO.

3. FOR PRESENT, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND ARE MAINTAINING THEIR
CANDIDACIES (SWITZERLANDS NOW IN THE NAME OF FEDERAL CABINET
MEMBER). HOWEVER, THEY BOTH INDICATED THAT THEY WLD LIKELY
PROVE QUOTE FLEXIBLE UNQUOTE IN LONG RUN.

4. ALL OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS ARE ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS SIMILAR
TO THOSE OF WEOG. WEOG CHAIR REPORTED THAT LATAMS HAVE NOT YET
EVEN ATTEMPTED TO RESOLVE EXCESS OF CANDIDACIES RELATIVE TO
AVAIL SEATS. HOWEVER, IF SOME GROUPS AGREE ON SLATES, IT WILL
PUT PRESSURE ON OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE. IN MEANWHILE, FAILURE
OF FRENCH PROPOSAL (SIMPLY TO CARRY OVER PREPCOM BUREAU INTO
UNCED ITSELF) TO GAIN CONSENSUS WITHIN WEOG OR ANY OTHER GROUP
SUITS US WELL.

4. BOTH AUSTLA AND NZ EXPECT CONFIRMATION OF THEIR POSTNS FROM
CAPITALS WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO. WEOG WILL MEET AGAIN LATE
THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT AND BY THEN AGREED WEOG SLATE MAY BE
CONSIDERABLY CLOSER. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

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WEOG MET UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF GERMAN PERM REP TO DISCUSS SITU
CREATED BY 11 WEOG CANDIDACIES FOR UNCED BUREAU RELATIVE TO 7
AVAILABLE SEATS.

2. CURRENT CANDIDATES ARE: AUSTRIA, AUSTLA, CDA, FINLAND, FRANCE,
GERMANY, NEW ZEALAND, NETHS, SWITZ, UK, USA.

3. FRANCE PROPOSED THAT AS MATTER OF CONVENIENCE AND TO AVOID
ELECTIONS ON FLOOR OF UNCED IN RIO, WEOG MEMBERS OF PREPCOM BUREAU
(AUSTLA, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, NORWAY, UK AND USA) BE CONFIRMED AS
AGREED WEOG SLATE FOR UNCED BUREAU. THIS WLD SERVE AS EXAMPLE TO
OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS (AFRICA WAS MENTIONED) WHERE CANDIDACIES EXCEED
AVAIL SLOTS. UK, AND USA SUPPORTED FRENCH. ITALY INDICATED THAT
WHILE NOT CURRENTLY CANDIDATE, IT CLD AGREE TO SERVE UNDER SCENARIO
PROPOSED BY FRENCH. NETHS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IT WLD WITHDRAW ITS
CANDIDACY IF ALL AGREED TO FRENCH PROPOSAL. FINLAND INDICATED THAT
IF FRENCH PROPOSAL ACCEPTED, IT WLD WITHDRAW IN FAVOUR OF NORWAY. NZ
NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS AMONG INFORMAL GROUPINGS WITHIN WEOG (EC,
NORDICS, CANZ) MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO REACH CONSENSUS WITHIN THEM ON

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AGREED CANDIDATE(S). NOTING THAT CDA CLD NOT, AT PRESENT, AGREE WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL, WE SUPPORTED NZ SUGGESTION. AUSTLA WAS SILENT.

4. BIGGEST PROBLEMS CLD PROVE TO BE CANDIDACIES OF AUSTRIA AND SWITZ, EFFECTIVELY SHUT-OUT OF PREPCOM BUREAU AND ALSO ARRANGEMENTS AMONG INFORMAL GROUPINGS AS THEY HAVE NO INFORMAL GROUPING OF THEIR OWN. SWITZ CONFIRMED ITS CANDIDACY QUOTE FOR NOW UNQUOTE. AUSTRIA EXPRESSED SOME FRUSTRATION WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL AND OTHERS CENTERED ON INFORMAL GROUPS, INSTISTING THAT IT WLD MAINTAIN ITS CANDIDACY.

5. PERM REP HAD EARLIER BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HER NZ AND AUSTLN COUNTERPARTS. IT IS AGREED AMONG THEM THAT WE SHLD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AVOID ELECTION FRACAS INVOLVING CANZ PARTNERS IN RIO, AND THUS, IF POSSIBLE, REACH ACCOMMODATION AMONG CANZ AS TO AGREED CANZ CANDIDATE(S). (IN PRACTICE CANZ IS ONLY LIKELY TO SECURE ONE SEAT UNDER ANY SCENARIO, INCLUDING ELECTIONS.) CANZ PERM REPS SHLD MEET LATER THIS WEEK TO COMPARE NOTES. WE WLD WELCOME YOUR GUIDANCE, BY TELEPHONE IF URGENT, ON CDN POSITION TO BE ADOPTED IN THESE CONSULTS.

6. AT CDN SUGGESTION, WEOG CHAIR WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM OTHER REGIONS AND PREPARED TO REPORT BACK ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN OTHER GROUPS WHEN WEOG NEXT MEETS (PROBABLY MAY 18 OR 19).

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REMARKS/REMARQUES: THE WEOG MET MARCH 25 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SWEDEN. THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS/ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:

- (A) SAN MARINO WAS ADMITTED AS A NEW MEMBER OF WEOG.
- (B) COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: THE WEOG SLATE WAS ENDORSED.
- (C) CTTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: THE WEOG SLATE WAS ENDORSED.
- (D) UNICEF: PORTUGAL CONFIRMED ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE. PORTUGAL WILL RUN IN 1993 INSTEAD.
- (E) CTTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC): MR. KEES SPAANS OF THE NETHERLANDS WAS CONFIRMED AS THE NOMINEE OF WEOG FOR THE 1992 CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CPC.

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Population Commission	Belgium Germany Turkey	Germany (3) Belgium Turkey Canada Denmark	NOTICE DE REUNION A SPELIER LE 17 MARS 1992
Commission for Social Development	Finland Malta Spain	Malta (3) Netherlands Denmark	3/25/92
Commission on Human Rights	France Italy USA	USA (3) Finland France	1/17/92
Executive Board of UNICEF	Canada Finland Germany Netherlands	Germany (4) Sweden Canada Netherlands	2/3/92

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OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination	(7)	
Board of Trustees of the Int. Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)	Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands) Prof. Necla Arat (Turkey) Rena Lamplsa (Greece)	(1)
Committee for the United Nations Population Award		
Commission on Narcotic Drugs		

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Statistical Commission	Canada Norway U.K.	Australia Turkey Sweden U.K. (3)	
Commission on the Status of Women	Austria Canada France	Austria France Belgium Australia (3)	
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Spain France	Netherlands (W.J.M. van Genugten) Spain (M.A. Butragueno) France (P. Texier) (2)	

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Intgvt. Working Group of Experts on Int. Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)			(5)	
Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes	x Australia (3+2) x Canada x USA xx Finland xx Italy		Denmark (2) Italy	3/25/92
Commission on Transnational Corporations	France Germany Switzerland		France (3) Switzerland Germany	2/3/92
World Food Council	Denmark France Italy		France (3) Italy	
Governing Council of UNDP	Denmark Germany Netherlands Portugal Switzerland		Netherlands (5) Sweden Germany Portugal Switzerland	1/17/92

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All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers of the
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States Group

Excellency,

In my capacity as acting Chairman of the Western European and Other States Group for the month of March, I have the honour to invite you to a meeting of the Group on Wednesday, 25 March, at 11.00. We will communicate the venue as soon as we receive confirmation. Please also check for the announcement in the Journal.

I would like to propose the following agenda:

1. Admission of the Republic of San Marino to membership of the WEOG.
2. WEOG candidatures for elections to be held during the Resumed Organizational Session of ECOSOC on 29-30 April 1992.
3. Any other business.

Please find an updated list of WEOG candidatures for the resumed organizational session of ECOSOC enclosed for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lars-Göran Engfeldt
Ambassador
Deputy Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations

WEOG CANDIDATURES
 ELECTIONS - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
 RESUMED ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

29 - 30 APRIL 1992

	OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Commission on Human Settlements	Canada France Italy Netherlands Sweden	France (5) Italy Canada	
Population Commission	Belgium Germany Turkey	Germany (3) Belgium Turkey Canada Denmark	
Commission for Social Development	Finland Malta Spain	Malta (3) Netherlands Denmark	
Commission on Human Rights	France Italy USA	USA (3) Finland France	1/17/92
Executive Board of UNICRF	Canada Finland Germany Netherlands	Germany (4) Sweden Canada Netherlands	2/3/92 Portugal (i) 2/13/92

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OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination -----	(7)	
Board of Trustees of the Int. Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTIAW)	Eis Postel-Coster (1) (Netherlands) Prof. Necla Arat (Turkey) Rena Lampisa (Greece)	
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W E O C			
	OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Committee on Natural Resources		(4+4) (8)	
Statistical Commission	Canada Norway U.K.	Australia Turkey Sweden U.K.	(3)
Commission on the Status of Women	Austria Canada France	Austria France Belgium Australia	(3)
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Spain France	Netherlands (W.J.M. van Genugten) Spain (M.A. Butragueno) France (P. Texier)	(2)

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	OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Int'vt. Working Group of Experts on Int. Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)		(5)	
Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes	x Australia (3+2) x Canada x USA xx Finland xx Italy	Denmark (2) Italy	
Commission on Transnational Corporations	France Germany Switzerland	France (3) Switzerland Germany	2/3/92
World Food Council	Denmark France Italy	France (3) Italy	
Governing Council of UNDP	Denmark Germany Netherlands Portugal Switzerland	Netherlands (5) Sweden Germany Portugal Switzerland	1/17/92

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REMARKS/REMARQUES: > THE WEOG MET IN NY ON FEB 3 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UK. DECISIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: THE UK WITHDREW ITS INTEREST IN THE FEB 4 ELECTION. HENCE THERE WILL BE EIGHT WEOG CANDIDATES FOR SEVEN WEOG SEATS.

(B) COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: THE TURKISH PERM REP APPROACHED CDN DEL PRIVATELY TO EXPLAIN THAT TURKEY HOPED TO HOST THE 1994 CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND HENCE WAS SEEKING RE-ELECTION. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO, HE OBVIOUSLY HOPED CDA WOULD WITHDRAW. WE SAID THAT CDA HAD NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION SINCE 1960 AND HAD BEEN THINKING OF JOINING IT FOR SOME TIME. GIVEN THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION ISSUES, CDN DEL SAID CDA FELT IT SHOULD BE ENGAGED IN THESE ISSUES IN A MORE DIRECT WAY.

(C) UNICEF: CDN CANDIDACY WAS ENDORSED.

(D) STATISTICAL COMMISSION: THERE ARE NOW FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THREE POSITIONS. CDA IS AN OUTGOING MEMBER. AS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPLY TO OUR QUERIES, WE ASSUME CDA DOES NOT/NOT WISH TO STAND FOR THIS ELECTION.

(E) CTTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES: NO FURTHER CANDIDATES CAME FORWARD. AS WE NOTED IN OUR LAST REPORT, WE ASSUME CDA WILL STAND FOR RE-ELECTION IN THE FAO CONTEXT RATHER THAN THE ECOSOC CONTEXT.

(F) CSW: NO WEOG CANDIDATE CAME FORWARD FOR THE BUREAU OF CSW.

(G) ACABQ: FINLAND STATED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF ROTATIONALITY, THE NORDIC GROUP WOULD NOT PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE AT UNGA 47, BUT WILL DO SO THE NEXT TIME AN OPENING IS AVAILABLE, IE AT UNGA 50. THIS MEANS THAT THERE ARE THREE CANDIDATES FOR TWO WEOG SEATS: CANADA, FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

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(H) CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNGA 47 CTTEES: DESPITE LAST MINUTE ATTEMPT BY USA TO INTEREST WEOG IN SEEKING CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIFTH CTTEE, THE WEOG ENDORSED IDEA OF SEEKING CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIRD CTTEE AT UNGA 47. MOREOVER, IT ENDORSED THE CANDIDACY OF MR. FLORIAN KRENKEL, COUNSELLOR AT THE AUSTRIAN MISSION TO THE UN, AS THE WEOG NOMINEE FOR THE THIRD CTTEE CHAIR. GERMANY REPEATED ITS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL SEEK THE FIRST CTTEE CHAIR NEXT YEAR FOR UNGA 48.

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ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING THE ECOSOC ORGANISATIONAL SESSION 4-7 FEBRUARY 1992

Commission on Narcotic Drugs	1 vacancy	Switzerland	Endorsed 17/1/92
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	7 vacancies	Netherlands USA France Italy Austria Finland Germany Australia XXXXX	
Commission on Transnational Corporations	1 vacancy		

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WEOG CANDIDATURES

ELECTIONS - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RESUMED ORGANISATIONAL SESSION 29 - 30 APRIL 1992

	W E O G		
	Outgoing 1992	Candidates	Endorsed
Commission on Human Settlements	Canada France Italy Netherlands Sweden	France (5) USA Italy <i>Canada</i>	
Population Commission	Belgium Germany Turkey	Germany (3) Belgium Turkey Canada	
Commission for Social Development	Finland Malta Spain	Malta (3) Netherlands	
Commission on Human Rights	France Italy USA	USA (3) Finland France	E 1/17
Executive Board of UNICEF	Canada Finland Germany Netherlands	Germany (4) Sweden Canada Netherlands	<i>Endorsed Feb 3/92</i>

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	Outgoing 1992	Candidates	Endorsed
Committee on Programme and Co-ordination	-----		
Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)	New Zealand	Els Postel-Coster (1) (Netherlands) Prof Necla Arat (Turkey) Mrs Rena Lampsas (Greece)	
Committee for the United Nations Population Award	-----		
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	-----		

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* Committee on Natural Resources		(4+4) (8)	
Statistical Commission	Canada Norway UK	Australia (3) Turkey UK <i>Sweden</i>	
Commission on the Status of Women	Austria Canada France	Austria (3) France Belgium 1 Australia	
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Spain France	Netherlands (2) Spain <i>France</i>	

* As at 1 July 1991 only 39 of the 54 seats on the Committee were occupied. On 30 May 1991 ECOSOC postponed to a future session election of eight members of WEOG, four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994 and four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

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Intergovernment Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting			
Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (5)	* Australia (3+2) * Canada * USA ** Finland ** Italy	Denmark	
Commission on Transnational Corporations	France Germany Switzerland	France (3) Switzerland Germany	Endorsed Feb 3/92
World Food Council	Denmark France Italy	France (3) Italy	
Governing Council of UNDP	Denmark Germany Netherlands Portugal Switzerland	Netherlands (5) Sweden Germany Portugal Switzerland	E 1/17

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Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations	-----		

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REMARKS/REMARQUES:>THE WEOG MET IN NY JANUARY 17 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR. THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS/ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:

(A) ECOSOC ORGANISATIONAL SESSION: THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO ASSUME THE CHAIR THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT GROUP WAS UNAWARE OF THIS. HENCE THE ORGANISATIONAL SESSION HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 20 TO 27. THE WEOG ENDORSED ITALIAN PERM REP TRAXLER AS ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR ECOSOC.

(B) WEOG CANDIDATURES: ANNOUNCED CANDIDATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED SHEETS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANDIDATES FOR CHR AND UNDP WERE ENDORSED.

(C) ACABQ: DEP PERM REP KIRSCH ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY OF RUSSELL MERIFIELD FOR ACABQ (SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT). FRANCE IS ALSO CANDIDATE FOR ACABQ. BELGIUM INDICATED IT, TOO, HAD AN INTEREST AND WOULD BE NOTIFYING WEOG CHAIRMAN BY LETTER SHORTLY. NORDICS HAVE NOT YET STATED OFFICIALLY WHETHER THEY WILL RUN A CANDIDATE, BUT THERE IS POSSIBILITY NORDICS MAY NOT. AS THERE ARE ONLY TWO WEOG OPENINGS, AN ELECTION APPEARS LIKELY.

(D) OTHER CANADIAN CANDIDATURES: CANADA IS AN OUTGOING MEMBER OF UNICEF

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AND COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. WE PRESUME CANADA WILL WANT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION ON BOTH OF THESE. IF SO, WE NEED YOUR INSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY. RE COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW), THE CHAIRMAN HAD TRIED TO SEEK ENDORSEMENT OF THE THREE CURRENT CANDIDATES (AUSTRIA, FRANCE, BELGIUM). HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA INFORMED CHAIRMAN THAT ENDORSEMENT SHOULD NOT COME AT THIS MTG. AUSTRALIA HAS NOT YET PUT FORWARD ITS CANDIDATURE FOR 1993-96 WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING CANZ CONSULTS IN MAY 1991. CANADA IS ALSO AN OUTGOING MEMBER OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO THE MAY 1991 CANZ CONSULTS, CDA IS SERVING DURING THE 1989-92 PERIOD, AUSTRALIA WILL SERVE 1993-96 AND NEW ZEALAND WANTS TO REPLACE AUSTRALIA IN 1997. YOU WILL NOTE THAT A VACANCY EXISTS ON THE INCB FOR WHICH THERE IS NO CANDIDATE. WE PRESUME THAT SINCE CDA IS A MEMBER OF THE CND, IT WILL NOT SEEK A SEAT ON THE INCB. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE POPULATION COMMISSION FOR WHICH THERE ARE AT PRESENT ONLY TWO CANDIDATES FOR THREE POSITIONS. WE SUSPECT THERE MAY BE SOME INTEREST IN CIDA IN SEEKING A SEAT ON THIS BODY. GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE. IF SO, WE SHOULD NOTIFY OUR CANDIDACY QUICKLY. FINALLY, WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE INTGVTL WKG GRP OF EXPERTS ON INTL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING. YOU WILL RECALL THAT CDA HAD BEEN A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THIS BODY, BUT THAT EXTOTT/EEF DECIDED LAST YEAR THAT CDA WOULD ONLY SEEK RE-ELECTION IF NO OTHER WEOG MEMBER WANTED THE JOB. IN THE EVENT, TURKEY SOUGHT A SEAT AT THE LAST MINUTE AND AS A RESULT, CDA DID NOT PUT FORWARD ITS OWN CANDIDACY. DOES OTTAWA WANT TO PURSUE THIS? IF SO, REPRESENTATION WOULD ONCE AGAIN, HAVE TO COME FROM THE CDN ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS. PLS ADVISE.

(E) CHAIRMANSHIP OF MAIN CTTEES: AS REPORTED IN OUR FAX WKGR-9697 OF 19DEC91 ON THE LAST WEOG MTG, THE GROUP IS DISCUSSING WHETHER TO SEEK THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE THIRD OR THE FIFTH CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 (WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING THE CHAIR OF THE FIRST CTTEE DURING UNGA 48). THE MAJORITY OF DELS SPOKE IN FAVOUR OF THE THIRD CTTEE, EXCEPT THE USA WHICH ARGUED THAT

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THE BREAKUP OF THE USSR WILL AFFECT THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS IN THE UN

ID THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP SHLD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHAIR THE FIFTH CTTEE DURING UNGA 47. USA ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMON SYSTEM IS UNDER ATTACK. HOWEVER, USA TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT IT WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY OF CONSENSUS DECISION ON THIS ISSUE BY WEOG. IT WAS AGREED THAT WEOG WOULD TRY TO DECIDE DURING FEBRUARY MTG WHICH CTTEE CHAIR IT SHOULD SEEK AND THAT AFTERWARDS IT WOULD CONSIDER WHICH OF THE VARIOUS WEOG CANDIDATES IT SHOULD AGREE TO PUT FORWARD.

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ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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International Narcotics Control Board 1 vacancy

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Commission on Crime Prevention
and Criminal Justice

7 vacancies

Netherlands

USA

France

Italy

Austria

~~Finland~~ Finland

Australia 1

UK 1

~~Norway~~

Canada 1

Commission on Transnational Corporations 1 vacancy

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Commission on Human Settlements	Canada France Italy Netherlands Sweden	France (5) USA Italy (i)	
Population Commission	Belgium Germany Turkey	Belgium (3) Germany	
Commission for Social Development	Finland Malta Spain	Malta (3) Netherlands	
Commission on Human Rights	France Italy USA	USA (3) Finland France } Endorsed	
Executive Board of UNICEF	Canada Finland Germany Netherlands	Sweden (4) Germany	

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	OUTGOING 1992	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
Committee on Programme and Co-ordination	-----	(7)	
Board of Trustees of the Int. Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)		Els Postel-Coster (1) (<u>Netherlands</u>) Prof. Neola Arat (<u>Turkey</u>)	
Committee for the United Nations Population Award			
Commission Narcotic Drugs		Switzerland Turkey	

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Committee on Natural Resources		(4+4) (8)	
Statistical Commission	Canada Norway U.K.	Australia (3)	
Commission on the Status of Women	Austria Canada France	Austria France Belgium (3)	
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		Netherlands (2)	

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Intgvt. Working Group of Experts on Int. Standards of Accounting and Reporting		Spain (5)	
Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (5)			(2)
Commission on Transnational Corporations	France Germany Switzerland	France Switzerland (1) (3)	
World Food Council	Denmark France Italy	France Italy (3)	
Governing Council of UNDP	Denmark Germany Netherlands Portugal Switzerland	Netherlands Germany Sweden Portugal Switzerland (5)	endorsed

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Committee on Non Governmental Organizations	(4)	

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STATEMENT TO THE WEOG

JANUARY 17, 1992

CANDIDACY OF MR. R. MERIFIELD FOR THE ACABQ

- Canada has nominated Mr. Russell Merifield, Budgetary Affairs Counsellor in the Canadian Mission, for one of the two vacancies for the WEOG Group which will be opening in the ACABQ in January 1993. The election will take place during UNGA 47.

- As noted in the CV contained in the letter transmitted to the Chairman of our Group, Mr. Merifield has considerable experience with a number of different types of multilateral organizations .

- Moreover, he has acquired an excellent understanding of U.N. finances and administrative procedures during the two sessions which he has already served in the Fifth Committee.

- Canada is one of the large contributors to the U.N. regular budget and to the budgets of the voluntary funded organizations.

- However, Canada is not represented on any of the main subcommittees dealing with U.N. financial and administrative matters. In the interest of obtaining an agreed WEOG slate last year, Canada dropped its candidacy for the CPC.

- With regard to the ACABQ, Canada has not been represented on that body for ten years. In the interest of rotation within the Group and considering the excellent qualifications of our candidate, we hope the WEOG will agree at an early date to endorse Canada's candidacy for the upcoming term. Thank you.

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- (A) UNDP: WEOG WILL CHAIR UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL DURING 1992. STATES WERE INVITED TO INDICATE THEIR INTEREST.
- (B) CRIME PREVENTION: THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN APRIL 1992. ELECTION TO THE COMMISSION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING 1992 ECOSOC ORGANISATIONAL SESSION. WEOG IS ENTITLED TO SEVEN SEATS. THE FOLLOWING STATES INDICATED THEIR INTEREST AND/OR THEIR CANDIDACIES: FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, UK, USA, ITALY, AUSTRIA, NORWAY.
- (C) CEDAW: FINLAND, MALTA, SPAIN CONFIRMED THEIR CANDIDACIES.
- (D) CSW: AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRIA CONFIRMED THEIR CANDIDACIES.
- (E) CERD: NORWAY WITHEWREW ITS CANDIDACY, WHILE THE NETHERLANDS CONFIRMED IT IS CANDIDATE.
- (F) CHR: FRANCE AND USA SAID THEY WILL BE CANDIDATES.
- (G) ACABQ: FRANCE CONFIRMED IT IS CANDIDATE.

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- (H) UNICEF: GERMANY SAID IT WILL BE CANDIDATE.
- (I) UNDP: GERMANY SAID IT WILL BE CANDIDATE.
- (J) DECOLONIZATION CTTEE: NORWAY SAID IT WOULD WITHDRAW ITS MEMBERSHIP ON DEC 31/91, THE LAST WESTERN STATE TO DO SO.
- (K) CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNGA 47 MAIN CTTEES: WEOG DISCUSSED ISSUE WHETHER TO SEEK THIRD OR FIFTH CTTEE CHAIRMANSHIP DURING UNGA 47. NO DECISION WAS MADE. ISSUE WILL BE RAISED AGAIN AT NEXT MTG IN JANUARY. AUSTRIA MADE A PLEA FOR THE ENDORSEMENT BY WEOG OF MR. FLORIAN KRENKEL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 (SEE ATTACHED LETTER). RECOGNIZING THAT WEOG LAST SUMMER HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CHAIRING FIFTH CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 INSTEAD, AUSTRIA NOTED THAT WEOG IS SLATED TO HOLD FIRST CTTEE CHAIR DURING UNGA 48 (SEE ATTACHED CHART) AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR WEOG TO HOLD BOTH THIRD AND FIRST CTTEE CHAIRS DURING UNGA 48. HENCE, IN AUSTRIA'S VIEW IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR WEOG TO PURSUE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIRD CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 RATHER THAN UNGA 48. GERMANY SAID THAT QUESTION OF WHICH CTTEE CHAIRMANSHIP THE WEOG SHOULD PURSUE FOR UNGA 47 NEEDED FURTHER REFLECTION. GERMANY REMINDED WEOG THAT IT HAD SUGGESTED LAST SUMMER THAT WEOG HOLD THIRD CTTEE CHAIR DURING UNGA 48 INSTEAD OF UNGA 47. GERMANY SAID THAT IF WEOG DECIDED TO OPT FOR THIRD CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 INSTEAD, THEN GERMANY WOULD PRESENT A CANDIDATE FOR THAT CHAIR AS WELL AS PRESENT A CANDIDATE FOR THE FIRST CTTEE CHAIR IN UNGA 48. THE NETHERLANDS SAID IT FELT WEOG SHOULD SEEK CHAIR OF THIRD CTTEE DURING UNGA 47 BUT THAT IF WEOG DECIDES INSTEAD TO SEEK UNGA 47

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FIFTH CTTEE CHAIR, THEN THE NETHERLANDS WOULD PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE FOR THAT POSITION. NORWAY, ITALY AND LIECHTENSTEIN ALL STATED A PREFERENCE FOR WEOG TO HOLD THIRD CTTEE CHAIR DURING UNGA 47. USA SAID IT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA OF SEEKING THIRD CTTEE CHAIR, BUT THAT DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE OCCURING WHICH MAY REQUIRE WEOG CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIFTH CTTEE DURING UNGA 47. THE WEOG CHAIR SAID THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE NEXT MTG IN JANUARY AND HE ASKED ALL DELS TO COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PREFERENCE.

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Mr. Ambassador,

New York, 6 December 1991

I have the honour to address you, Mr. Ambassador, in your capacity as Chairman of the WEOG for the month of December and I would be grateful if you could communicate this note in confidence to all members of the Group.

As you will recall, the WEOG has faced serious problems with regard to obtaining the chairmanship of one of the Main Committees of the 46th session of the General Assembly. It should be the Groups desire to avoid a repetition on the matter at the following sessions of the General Assembly. Therefore we see a need for an early discussion of this issue in the Group.

Although the Asian Group has committed itself not to oppose a WEOG-candidature at the 48th session for the Third Committee it will be WEOG's turn to chair the First Committee in accordance with the strict geographical rotation observed in this Committee.

Consequently it is up to the WEOG to choose the chairmanship it desires to obtain at the 47th session in 1992. In our opinion the WEOG has a good case and should have a strong interest for

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chairing the Third Committee. WEOGs turn is overdue. The Third Committee was chaired at the 41st session by the Netherlands. WEOG expected to chair the 46th session. As the Eastern European Group had not taken their turn, Africa followed by Latin America and Asia took up the Third Committee chair. If WEOG fails to claim the chairmanship at the next session it will probably not get it till the 49th or 50th session resulting in an eight or nine years time gap between WEOG chairmanships.

WEOG discussion this year focussed on the question whether to chair the Third or the Fifth Committee. The Fifth Committee will mainly deal with questions relating to personnel and the common system at the 47th session, thus not focusing on budgetary matters. In the light of the position of major WEOG-countries to attach particular importance to budgetary questions, a WEOG-chairmanship might not be of equal relevance to a WEOG-chairmanship in the Third Committee. These considerations are underlined by the fact that WEOG did not request a chairmanship in the Fifth Committee for seven consecutive years (35th to 41st GA) and held the chairmanship in the 42nd session.

The Eastern Group will most probably chair the next meeting of the Commission on Human Rights and would therefore not submit a candidature for the Third Committee in the same year. It should also be recalled that the 47th session will be the last General Assembly meeting proceeding the Berlin World Conference on Human Rights.

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Taking into account the possible rotation in the Main Committees and in the case WEOG would decide early to request the chairmanship in the Third Committee and present a candidate, the support of other regional groups seems to be very likely.

Should WEOG decide to request the chairmanship in the Third Committee, Austria would propose Mr. Florian Krenkel, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN, and Austrian Representative in the Third Committee, for this post.

Mr. Krenkel is well known for his experience and active participation in the work of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, various subsidiary bodies of the Council in particular the Commission of Human Rights, States Parties Meetings of International Human Rights Instruments, the Special Session of the General Assembly on Drugs and other fora addressing human rights and social questions.

He has served as Vice-Chairman of the Second (Social) Committee of ECOSOC in 1991 and Chairman of the Informal Working Group on the Rationalization of the Work of the Third Committee.

During the last years Mr. Krenkel has established excellent personal relations to representatives of all regional groups as well as secretariat officials in New York, Geneva and Vienna. He is personally responsible for a great number of consensus solutions on difficult issues in the human rights and social field as well as in particular the rationalization of the work and the reform of the Third Committee, the first comprehensive reform of a Main Committee of the General Assembly.

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I am looking forward to an early meeting of the Group on the subject matter and invite members of WEOG to give their careful consideration to the present note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Ambassador, in your capacity as Chairman of the WEOG for the month of December, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Peter Hohenfellner
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Subject: WEOG. NOV 12 S.G. PROPOSAL ON UN FINANCIAL SITUATION
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AMB OBRIEN OF NEW ZEALAND, CHAIRMAN OF WEOG, REPORTED ON BRIEFING U.N. CONTROLLER KOFI ANNAN GAVE ON UN FINANCIAL SITUATION TO CHAIRMEN OF ALL REGIONAL GROUPS NOV 8. (AIDE MEMOIRE SENT OURFAX WKGR 5609 NOV 12 1991). PRESENTATION WAS SIMILAR TO BRIEFING TO TEN MAJOR DONORS REPORTED IN OUR COSICS C- PRMNY- WKGR 0041. OBRIEN REPORTED THAT SG WILL BE GIVING SIMILAR BRIEFING TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO PERMANENT FIVE SEPARATELY. S.G. INTENDS TO FOLLOW THESE BRIEFINGS WITH A FORMAL DOCUMENT AND THEN INTRODUCE HIS PROPOSALS IN PLENARY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER AGENDA ITEMS 109 AND 110 QUOTE THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE U.N. UNQUOTE AFTER DECEMBER 1. AMB OBRIEN HAS SINCE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DOCUMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY NOVEMBER 26 AND THE S.G. WILL ADDRESS THE GA ON OR JUST AFTER DECEMBER 1.

DISCUSSION AMONG WEOG MEMBERS WAS PROCEDURAL. USA GERMANY AND NETHERLANDS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT APPROPRIATENESS OF WEOG RESPONDING TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE AS WEOG HOLDS NO NEGOTIATING MANDATE. THESE DELS ALSO QUESTIONED USEFULNESS OF S.G. BRINGING THIS ITEM TO THE PLENARY RATHER THAN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. CANADA AND FINLAND STATED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS CLEARLY OF SUCH SERIOUSNESS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN LAUNCHING AN SOS IN EVERY FORUM HE THOUGHT WOULD HELP HIM TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, OBRIEN REPORTED THAT ANNAN HAD SAID THAT SG HAS ELECTED TO FOLLOW WHAT MAY SEEM AN UNUSUAL PROCEDURE BECAUSE HE CONSIDERS THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF NON PAYMENT TO BE A POLITICAL ISSUE AND NOT A TECHNICAL ISSUE SOLELY FOR THE UN BODIES WHICH LOOK AT ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS.

THE WEOG MEETING ASKED AMB OBRIEN TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT WEOG DELEGATIONS HAD READ THE AIDE MEMOIRE WITH INTEREST AND TO ASK IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD ANY OTHER PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OTHER THAN THOSE OUTLINED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANSWER YET.

CANADA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE CANZ SPOKESMAN ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL BE SUBMITTING A SHORT STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN PLENARY BY AMB FORTIER. WE EXPECT THAT OUR DRAFT TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE WILL STILL BE NECESSARY AS WELL.

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WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR EVALUATION AND CONCLUSIONS RE ADMITTANCE OF BALTIC STATES TO WEOG.(SEE OUR REFTEL RE SIMILAR ISSUE RE EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEAN STATES AND BARTON GROUP MBRSHIP).

2.AS YOU ARE AWARE,POLAND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY MISSIONS IN VIENN IN EARLY 1991 REQUESTED FULL WEOG MEMBERSHIP.AT THAT TIME ONLY AUSTRIA AND CERTAIN EC STATES WERE SUPPORTIVE OF EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEAN ASPIRATIONS;OTHER WEOG MBRS,INCLUDING THE NORDICS,BELIEVED THAT,ALTHOUGH THE THREE EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEAN STAES (AND,PERHAPS,OTHERS)SHOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN WEOG,THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT.ULTIMATELY,IT WAS AGREED BY WEOG CONSENSUS THAT POLAND,CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY, AS QUOTE LIKE-MINDED STATES UNQUOTE SHOULD BE INVITED ON AN INFORMAL,AD HOC BASIS,TO PARTICIPATE IN UNOV/UNIDO/IAEA SUBSTANTIVE WEOG DISCUSSSIONS(THAT ARE PERHAPS UNIQUE TO THE VIENN WEOG).THIS IS WORKING WELL.QUOTE LIKE-MINDED UNQUOTE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN WEOG DISCUSSIONS SINCE JUL/91 AND,AS

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MENTIONED IN OUR REFTEL, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN USEFUL AND APPRECIATED (AND ARRANGMENT ALSO AFFORDS US OPPORTUNITIES TO CO-ORDINATE POSITIONS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST). OF COURSE, EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEAN STATES BELONG TO QUOTE D-GROUP UNQUOTE FOR ELECTORIAL PURPOSES AND DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN WEOG DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH ELECTORIAL MATTERS; NOR IN DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCIAL ISSUES.

3. POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY AGREED TO ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED ABOVE RATHER THAN PUSH FOR FULL WEOG MBRSHIP AS THEY TOO SAW ADVANTAGES OF MAINTAINING QUOTE D-GROUP UNQUOTE FOR ELECTORIAL PURPOSES. (IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT IN VIENN THERE ARE TWENTY-FOUR (24) ACTIVE OR SEMI-ACTIVE WEOG MBR STATES).

4. GIVEN ABOVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO EXTEND FULL WEOG MBRSHIP TO BALTIC STATES AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR NORDICS TO PROPOSE SUCH MOVE. BALTICS, AS FORMER USSR COMPONENTS, WOULD NATURALLY FALL INTO QUOTE D-GROUP UNQUOTE WHICH, IN VIENN AT LEAST, HAS BECOME A STRICTLY REGIONAL GROUPING. FOR BALTICS ALSO, MBRSHIP OF QUOTE D-GROUP UNQUOTE WOULD PROVE FAR MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ELECTORIAL PURPOSES AS IT IS MOST/MOST UNLIKELY WEOG CAN EXPECT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SEATS ON ANY UN BODY. WE WOULD SEE, THEREFORE, THE BALTICS REMAINING IN QUOTE D-GROUP UNQUOTE WITH SIMILAR ARRANGMENTS EXTENDED TO THEM (AS TO EAST/CENTRAL EUROPEANS) WHICH WOULD ALLOW INFORMAL AD HOC CONSULTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS WITH WEOG.

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5. IN VIENN, THIS ISSUE HAS TAKEN ON AN IMMEDIATE INTEREST
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NEW UNIDO MBR STATE AND NOV91 GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL HAVE
TO DETERMINE ITS PLACEMENT IN A REGIONAL GROUPING. THEREFORE,
WE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS ASAP. IN
MEANTIME, UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WE WILL MAINTAIN POSITION
THAT ANY/ALL BALTIC STATES SHOULD REMAIN/BE PLACED IN QUOTE
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UK HICOM OTT CALLED TO SEEK OUR VIEWS ON QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE GROUP MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE BALTIC STATES. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT NORDIC CTRIES ARE IN FAVOUR OF HAVING BALTICS JOIN WEOG.

2.UK, HOWEVER, SEE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH IDEA, GIVEN ALREADY-LARGE SIZE OF WEOG (22) RELATIVE TO EEUR GRP (9). THIS COULD COMPLICATE ELECTIONS, SINCE ADDITION OF BALTICS WOULD NOT/NOT NECESSARILY ENTITLE WEOG ADDITIONAL SEATS IN ANY UN BODIES, AND INTRA-GROUP COMPETITION FOR SEATS WOULD BE INTENSIFIED. UK SEE ADVANTAGE IN MAINTAINING EEUR GRP, AND BELIEVE THAT ADDITION OF BALTIC STATES WOULD HELP TO REVITALISE IT.

3.POSITION WE TAKE SHOULD SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT WHICH WE HAVE ADOPTED IN REGARD TO BARTON GROUP EXPANSION. WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT EE STATES AND BALTICS SHOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN IN WEOG/ BG CO-ORDINATION. HOWEVER FOR PRACTICAL REASONS WE SHOULD GO FOR THE TIME BEING WITH PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVING CLOSE CO-ORDINATION WITH EE, BUT NOT/NOT FULL MEMBERSHIP. LOGIC WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT BALTS SHOULD JOIN EE GROUP (WHICH ALREADY INSISTS THAT IT IS A STRICTLY REGIONAL GROUPING).

4.IN OUR VIEW, TO ADMIT BALTICS AND NOT/NOT EEUROPEANS WOULD BE TO SEND AN UNFORTUNATE SIGNAL.

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Your Excellency,

In my capacity of Chairman of WEOG for the month of October, I have the honour to invite you or your representative to a meeting of the Group, as follows:

Tuesday, 8 October 1991 at 11.00 AM in
meeting room 5.

At the meeting, I intend to raise the topics mentioned below for consideration. Any other topic that member nations might wish to raise should preferably be communicated to my Mission in advance of the meeting. The questions to be raised are:

1. Nomination of WEOG candidate to the Presidency of the 1991 UN Plodging Conference for Development Activities, 5-6 November 1991 (cfr. enclosed copy letter from UN Secretariat).
2. Discussion of candidacies with a view to their early endorsement by WEOG for the following impending elections or appointments (cfr. enclosed list):

-UNEP Governing Council	22 October 1991
-UNCITRAL	8 November 1991
-International Law Commission	mid-November 1991
-Joint Inspection Unit	appointment during
	46. session of GA

Yours sincerely,



Martin Rasmussen
Permanent Representative

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers of the Western
European and Other States Group
New York

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ELECTIONS - 46TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

	OUTGOING	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1)	ITALY NETHERLANDS NEW ZEALAND USA	AUSTRALIA BELGIUM ITALY USA	* * * *
UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL (6)	CANADA FINLAND MALTA NETHERLANDS TURKEY UK	AUSTRALIA DENMARK ITALY NETHERLANDS PORTUGAL TURKEY UK	
UNCITRAL (4)	ITALY NETHERLANDS SPAIN USA	AUSTRIA ITALY SPAIN USA	E

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	OUTGOING	CANDIDATES	ENDORSED
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL	AUSTRALIA GERMANY	AUSTRALIA GERMANY	.
COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (1)	UK	TURKEY	E
JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (1)	GERMANY	GERMANY ITALY TURKEY	
INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION (8)	CANADA FRANCE GERMANY GREECE ICELAND IRELAND ITALY USA	AUSTRALIA (Prof. Crinford) FRANCE (Prof. Pollot) GERMANY (Prof. Tomirschall) IRELAND (Amb. Hayes) ITALY (Prof. Arangio-Paiz) MALTA (Prof. Allard) TURKEY (Amb. Güney) UK (Prof. Dowall) GREECE (Prof. Roucoimas) BELGIUM (Prof. Suy) ICELAND (Amb. Eiriksson) USA (Prof. Rosenstock) SPAIN (Amb. Lucleta)	
BOARD OF AUDITORS	GERMANY	UK	.

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WEOG MET 30AUG UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR.

MTG DISCUSSED CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNGA CTTEES AND PROPOSALS BY UNGA

45 PRESIDENT TO IMPROVE UNGA PROCEDURES:

(A) CTTEE CHAIR: WEOG STILL UNDECIDED WHETHER TO SEEK CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECOND OR FIFTH CTTEE DURING UNGA 46. SPAIN HAS CANDIDATURE FOR 5TH CTTEE. SUPPORTERS ARE USA, FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA. NORWAY AND IRELAND HAVE CANDIDATES FOR SECOND CTTEE. SUPPORTERS ARE ITALY, SWEDEN, GREECE, UK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA AND MALTA. SUPPORTERS OF SECOND CTTEE OPTION ARGUE THAT IF LIBYA IS GOING TO CHAIR EITHER FIFTH OR SECOND CTTEE, IT WLD BE PREFERABLE TO GIVE LIBYA FIFTH CTTEE AS LIBYA WLD HAVE GREATER POTENTIAL FOR DOING DAMAGE IN SECOND CTTEE. WEOG WILL MEET EARLY THIS WEEK TO REVIEW ISSUE ONCE AGAIN.

(B) UNGA REFORM: UK WILL CHAIR INFORMAL WEOG MTG EARLY THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE WEOG APPROACH TO DRAFT PROPOSALS FROM DE MARCO TO REFORM UNGA PROCEDURES (SEE OUR FAX 0518 28AUG). PORTUGAL AND GREECE HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH PARA TWO WHICH ESTABLISHED A SUNSET CLAUSE FOR AGENDA ITEMS. GREECE WANTS TO KEEP CYPRUS ISSUE PERMANENTLY ON AGENDA AND PORTUGAL WANTS TO DO SAME FOR EAST TIMOR ISSUE. THEY DO NOT/WANT SITUATION WHERE THEY MUST MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO UNGA

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TO RETAIN THESE ITEMS. SIMILARLY - PORTUGAL IS HESITANT ABOUT PARA
THREE WHICH WLD COMBINE SPC AND 4TH CTTEE. PORTUGAL IS AFRAID AGENDA
OF COMBINED CTTEE MIGHT NOT/NOT REMAIN SAME AND THAT EAST TIMOR ISSUE
WLD GET LOST. FOR OUR PART WE HAVE NO/NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE DE MARCO
PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH WE THINK THAT THE PREAMBULAR PHRASE QUOTE
RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF MEMBER STATES TO PROPOSE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE ASSEMBLY WITHOUT ANY IMPEDIMENT UNQUOTE SHLD
BE CHANGED TO QUOTE RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF MEMBER STATES TO PROPOSE
WITHOUT ANY IMPEDIMENT A SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION AS ON AGENDA ITEM
BY THE ASSEMBLY UNQUOTE. THE PARTICULAR WORDING OF AGENDA ITEMS MAY
BE OBJECTIONABLE IN SOME CASES, ALTHOUGH STATES SHLD HAVE THE RIGHT
TO RAISE ANY SUBJECT THEY WISH.

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