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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION STATEMENT IN
- SUPPORT OF U.S. ACTION IN LIBYA

1. A FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN FOR ALIANZA POPULAR, A MEMBER PARTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION, INFORMED EMBOFF APRIL 18 THAT THE BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE PARTIES HAVE PROPOSED AN IDU STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE U.S. ACTION AGAINST LIBYA. ALIANZA POPULAR, WHICH HAS ALREADY ISSUED ITS OWN STATEMENT OF SYMPATHY WITH OUR COURSE, HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL OF THE TEXT BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE RECENT ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES AGAINST LIBYA HAS BROUGHT INTO SHARP FOCUS THE DILEMMA WHICH WE ALL FACE IN DEALING WITH THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM, AND THE GROWING THREAT WHICH IT POSES TO OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, OUR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND OUR FREEDOM.

"WHILE WE ASSESS THE NATURE OF THE PRECISE LINK BETWEEN

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LIBYA AND RECENT MURDEROUS ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS ON AN AMERICAN AIRLINER AND IN A BERLIN DISCOTHEQUE, AND THE SCOPE OF FURTHER ATTACKS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE, WE CANNOT FORGET THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG ATTEMPTED

"THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT FIRM AND DECISIVE ACTION WAS
REQUIRED, SINCE THE ALTERNATIVE WAS TO SIT BACK AND
OBSERVE AN EVER INCREASING SPIRAL OF TERRORIST OUTRAGES.

"WHILE DEEPLY REGRETTING THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES IN
THE U.S. ATTACK - A SAD CONSEQUENCE OF HOSTILITIES
INITIATED BY LIBYA ITSELF -WE HOPE THE PRINCIPAL LESSON
THAT WILL BE DRAWN FROM THIS AFFAIR IS THAT ALL NATIONS
MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO ERADICATE COMPLETELY THE THREAT
OF TERRORISM IN THE FUTURE." END TEXT. ENDERS

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