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SUBJECT: LIBYA -- FURTHER IRISH REACTION

REF: DUBLIN 1544 (NOTAL)

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2. THE OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL PARTY HAS TAKEN A MORE CRITICAL LINE TO THE US ACTION IN RECENT DAYS THAN IT HAD IN THE APRIL 15 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (REFTEL). ADDRESSING THE FIANNA FAIL ANNUAL CONVENTION OVER THE WEEKEND, FIANNA FAIL LEADER HAUGHEY SAID IRELAND MUST BE OUTSPOKEN IN CONDEMNING MILITARY AGGRESSION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND SUPPORT ALWAYS THE RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL POLITICAL MEANS. OTHER FRONTBENCH SPOKESMEN AT THE CONVENTION CHARACTERIZED THE US ACTION AS AN "INHUMAN ATROCITY PERPETUATED ON INNOCENT PEOPLE" AND ATTACKED THE IRISH GOVERNMENT FOR A "PATHETIC PERFORMANCE" IN NOT STRONGLY

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CRITICIZING THE US STRIKE.

3. HAUGHEY SHARPENED HIS OWN CRITICISM IN A WEEKEND RADIO INTERVIEW, SAYING HE COULD NOT

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CONDONE OR SUPPORT THE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST
LIBYA, WHICH WAS NOT MORALLY JUSTIFIED. HAUGHEY
SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE THE US ACTION, GIVEN
THE LONG-STANDING CLOSE LINKS WITH THE US, BUT
DISPUTES SHOULD IN HIS VIEW BE SETTLED THROUGH
PEACEFUL MEANS, PREFERABLY THROUGH THE UN.

4. PRESS REACTION CONTINUES TO BE OVERWHELMINGLY
NEGATIVE, AS DO LETTER WRITERS IN THE NEWSPAPERS.
THE CHANCERY WAS SUBJECT TO ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION
SATURDAY (SEPTTEL).
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