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UKMIS TELNO 1205: IRAQ/KUWAIT: SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUMMARY

1. AMERICANS TO RE-INTRODUCE IN THE FIVE THEIR IDEAS FOR A FURTHER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, SWEEPING UP CURRENT OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND TIGHTENING THE SCREW AGAINST IRAQ.

DETAIL

2. AT THE END OF DISCUSSION AMONG AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE ON 10 SEPTEMBER ON THE SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS TO IRAQ (AND MAKING IT CLEAR THAT ACTION ON FOODSTUFFS AND JORDAN SHOULD BE OUT OF THE WAY FIRST) THE U S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF FURTHER SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION AGAINST IRAQ. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE IRAQIS HAD NOW TURNED DOWN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REQUEST THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD VISIT KUWAIT. (COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT, BUT HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THEM.) THE TIME HAD THEREFORE COME TO REVIVE THE IDEA OF A NEW SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. THIS COULD SWEEP UP ALL THE ISSUES OUTSTANDING BEFORE THE COUNCIL - THE POSITION OF EMBASSIES IN KUWAIT, THE PLIGHT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT, THE IRAQI REJECTION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT TO KUWAIT, LOOTING BY IRAQI SOLDIERS AND THE RECENT KUWAITI COMPLAINTS ABOUT EXECUTIONS AND MASS ARRESTS (KUWAITI LETTER ALREADY FAXED TO EMERGENCY UNIT).

3. PICKERING ADDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE LOOKING AGAIN AT EARLIER U S DRAFTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT. POSSIBLE ELEMENTS FOR A RESOLUTION WOULD INCLUDE RESTRICTIONS ON IRAQI DIPLOMATS, APPEALS TO UN SUBORDINATE BODIES TO COMPLY FULLY WITH SANCTIONS, CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOUND IRAQI SHIPS IN THIRD COUNTRY PORTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EMBARGO ON THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY AIR TO IRAQ.

4. PICKERING SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE A TEXT READY FOR CIRCULATION AMONG THE FIVE ON THE AFTERNOON OF 11 SEPTEMBER. HE RESISTED PRESSURE TO CIRCULATE IT EARLIER, EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS SEEKING TO IRON OUT WITH WASHINGTON CERTAIN POINTS WHICH COULD CAUSE PARTNERS DIFFICULTIES.

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