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YOUR TELNO 447: FALKLANDS: MEETING OF NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. THE NAM MINISTERIAL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1-3 OCTOBER. THE INDIANS HAVE A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IN PREPARATION BUT ARE PLAYING THINGS CLOSE TO THEIR CHEST (EVEN, ACCORDING TO THE SINGAPORIANS, WITH NAM DELEGATIONS THEMSELVES). THE PERUVIANS HAVE SEEN NOTHING IN WRITING BUT SAY THAT THERE IS TO BE A MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SUB-GROUP OF THE NAM TOMORROW 20 SEPTEMBER AFTER WHICH WE MAY KNOW MORE.

2. MEANWHILE THE INDIANS ADMIT TO BEING "UNDER PRESSURE" FROM THE LATINS, ESPECIALLY OF COURSE ARGENTINA, TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE FALKLANDS. THEY THINK THAT WHAT EMERGES WILL BE SIMILAR TO (I.E. NO WORSE THAN) LAST YEARS PASSAGE (SEE PARAGRAPH 73 OF A/38/495) BUT DO NOT EXCLUDE THAT THERE MIGHT BE A REFERENCE TO THE BERNE TALKS (ON THE LINES OF THAT IN THIS YEARS C24 RESOLUTION). ASKED WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SECURE DELETION OF THE REFERENCE TO THE "MILITARY BASE" CAUSING "GRAVE CONCERN" TO THE REGION THE INDIANS THOUGHT THIS MOST UNLIKELY.

3. OUR OWN ASSESSMENT IS THAT THIS YEARS COMMUNIQUE IS BOUND TO CONTAIN MUCH OF LAST YEARS LANGUAGE, EXPANDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT C24 RESOLUTION. IT COULD FOR EXAMPLE ASSERT THE PRIMACY OF NEGOTIATIONS AS A MEANS OF SOLVING DISPUTES, AND HIGHLIGHT ARGENTINAS INTENTION TO COMPLY WITH GA RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION. IT MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE THE POINT ABOUT THE FALKLANDS BEING A "SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR" COLONIAL SITUATION; THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THIS YEAR THAT ARGENTINA IS PUTTING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN ITS LOBBYING CAMPAIGN ON EXPLAINING WHY THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS ENTITLED TO THE RIGHT OF SEFL-DETERMINATION.

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