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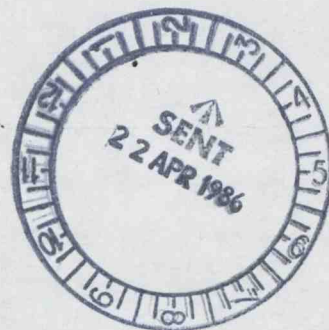
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MIPT: UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE

SUMMARY.

POSITION AFTER THE TWO SIDES' REPLIES NOT AS BAD AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. ROOM FOR PEREZ DE CUELLAR TO REMAIN IN PLAY.

RESTRAINED PUBLIC REACTION BEST. SUGGESTED NEXT STEP OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN BOTH SIDES IN NICOSIA.

DETAIL

1. AS I TOLD IACOVOU YESTERDAY ON BEING INFORMED OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT RESPONSE, IT WAS DISAPPOINTING IN THE LIGHT OF THE ADVICE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER, IF HARDLY SURPRISING TO ME IN VIEW OF ALL THE POLITICAL COMMENT PRECEDING IT. IN HOLGER'S VIEW, HOWEVER, THE POSITION REACHED IS NOT AS BAD AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. I AGREE WITH HIM. EVEN IF ONLY FOR COSMETIC REASONS, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM ACTUALLY REJECTING PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S NEW DOCUMENT (THOUGH DENKTASH IS OF COURSE ALREADY CLAIMING THAT THEY HAVE EFFECTIVELY DONE SO). AND THE TURKISH SIDE WILL PRESUMABLY NOT WISH TO SURRENDER THE

AND THE TURKISH SIDE WILL PRESUMABLY NOT WISH TO SURRENDER THE PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE THEY HAVE GAINED BY GOING SO FAR AS TO REFUSE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN PURSUIT OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S INITIATIVE. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY OF THE ISSUES, THERE DOES THEREFORE APPEAR SCOPE FOR HIM TO PERSEVERE.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS MY US COLLEAGUE AND I ARE AGREED IN THINKING THAT THE BEST PUBLIC REACTION IN NEW YORK AND CAPITALS WOULD BE A RESTRAINED ONE, AVOIDING DRAMA. AS SEEN FROM HERE, SOME EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT THAT BOTH SIDES HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S NEW DOCUMENT WOULD BE IN ORDER. BUT THIS SHOULD BE BALANCED BY NOTING THAT THE TWO REPLIES STILL ENCOURAGE HIM TO PROCEED WITH HIS GOOD OFFICES MISSION.

3. OUR VIEW IS THAT THE BEST NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR PEREZ DE CUELLAR TO SEND A SENIOR EMISSARY (PROBABLY GOULDING) TO NICOSIA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING CONCERNING THE NEXT STAGE IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH A BALANCED AGENDA REFLECTING THE CONCERNS OF BOTH SIDES. IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAMA WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE THIS FOR A LITTLE WHILE, EG UNTIL EARLY MAY.

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