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- 1. PRESS STATEMENTS, MARCH 18, 2003:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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 2003/301
 STATEMENT BY RICHARD BOUCHER, SPOKESMAN

-- REGIONAL SECURITY MINISTERIAL HELD IN
 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA --

THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> CONGRATULATES COLOMBIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS)
 ECUADOR, PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, AND PANAMA) FOR THE
 PROGRESS MADE DURING THE REGIONAL SECURITY MINISTERIAL HELD
 IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, ON MARCH 12, 2003. WE ARE PLEASED THAT
 THE STATES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS MINISTERIAL HAVE
 REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
 AND DRUG TRAFFICKING.

THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE PARTICIPANTS REITERATES THEIR
 SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1373
 AND 1464, AS WELL AS ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
 RESOLUTION 837, WHICH CALLS ON STATES TO IMPLEMENT ENHANCED
 LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND TO PROMOTE A MORE LAW-ABIDING
 ENVIRONMENT.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO CALLS ON THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO MEET
 PERIODICALLY TO DISCUSS COORDINATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION
 OF THE DOCUMENT. THE COOPERATION AGREED UPON BY THE
 PARTICIPATING STATES WILL IMPROVE THE SECURITY AND QUALITY OF
 LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF COLOMBIA, AND OF ITS NEIGHBORS.

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STATEMENT BY RICHARD BOUCHER, SPOKESMAN

-- JOINT STATEMENT OF ENHANCED BILATERAL CLIMATE CHANGE
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> AND MEXICO --

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON CLIMATE
CHANGE COOPERATION RELEASED TODAY BY THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> AND
MEXICO:

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> TODAY
ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY THEIR
EXISTING BILATERAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. THE
U.S. ALSO PRESENTED ITS CARBON SEQUESTRATION LEADERSHIP FORUM
INITIATIVE.

"BOTH COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE
BILATERAL DIALOGUE TO DEVELOP JOINT ACTIVITIES TO COMBAT
CLIMATE CHANGE IN SUCH AREAS AS: EMISSION INVENTORIES,
ECONOMIC AND CLIMATIC MODELS, ENERGY, ADAPTATION,
AGRICULTURE/FORESTS, EARTH OBSERVATION SYSTEMS AND CARBON
SEQUESTRATION TECHNOLOGIES. SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION
WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED.

"BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO
FOLLOW UP BILATERAL COOPERATION ON THESE ISSUES.

"TALKS TOOK PLACE IN MEXICO CITY ON 17 MARCH 2003, BETWEEN
DR. HARLAN WATSON, SENIOR CLIMATE NEGOTIATOR AND SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE, OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND MRS.
PATRICIA OLAMENDI, UNDER SECRETARY FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MEXICO, AND OTHER SENIOR AND
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. PARTICIPATING IN
THE TALKS ON THE U.S. SIDE WERE THE DEPARTMENTS OF
AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE/NOAA, ENERGY, AND STATE, AND THE AGENCY
FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY. THE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM
THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES MINISTRY, THE ENERGY MINISTRY, AS WELL AS FROM
PEMEX, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION,
UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS."

2. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, MARCH 18, 2003:

-- CANADA: PRIME MINISTER SAYS CANADA WILL NOT SUPPORT <<IRAQ>>
WAR EFFORT --

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QUESTION. WHAT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER CHRTIEN THAT CANADA WILL NOT SUPPORT THE U.S. LED WAR AGAINST <<IRAQ>> IN THE ABSENCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO USE MILITARY ACTION?

A: DISARMING SADDAM HUSSEIN OF HIS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IS VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. SADDAM HUSSEIN HAS REFUSED TO DISARM. AND AS RESOLUTION 1441 AUTHORIZES, WE ARE PREPARING REMOVE THOSE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY FORCE.

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT SOME OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES, INCLUDING CANADA, DO NOT AGREE ON THE URGENT NEED FOR THIS ACTION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT CANADA REMAINS A CRUCIAL PARTNER IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. CANADIAN NAVAL VESSELS, AIRCRAFT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION WILL CONTINUE THEIR DEPLOYMENTS. WE CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN PROTECTING OUR COMMON BORDER.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT MEXICO'S PRESIDENT FOX'S STATEMENT THAT HE REGRETS THE U.S. ULTIMATUM?

A: WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT MEXICO DOES NOT SHARE OUR URGENT SENSE THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY NEEDS TO QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY COUNTER THE THREAT <<IRAQ>> REPRESENTS.

WE VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MEXICO AND WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON A FULL RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR 22-POINT BORDER ACTION PLAN.

-- COLOMBIA: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL SECURITY MINISTERIAL HELD IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA ON MARCH 12, 2003 --

KEY POINTS TO MAKE:

THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> PARTICIPATED AS AN OBSERVER AT THIS MINISTERIAL, WHICH FOCUSED ON REGIONAL SECURITY, TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING.

WE WERE REPRESENTED BY ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS, CURT STRUBLE.

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STRUBLE DISCUSSED OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING REGIONAL COOPERATION TO DEFEAT THE COMMON

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THREATS OF NARCO-TRAFFICKING AND TERRORISM.

WE ARE PLEASED BY THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THIS MINISTERIAL, AND WELCOME THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, COLOMBIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS -- ECUADOR, PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA AND PANAMA -- REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO INCREASED COOPERATION IN ADDRESSING THE REGIONAL THREAT OF DRUGS, TERRORISM, AND ARMS TRAFFICKING.

THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MINISTERIAL REITERATES THE COUNTRIES, SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1373 AND 1465, AND ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES RESOLUTION 837, WHICH CALLS ON STATES TO IMPLEMENT ENHANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES, AND TO PROMOTE A MORE LAW-ABIDING ENVIRONMENT.

WE URGE THE SIGNATORIES TO IMPROVE REGIONAL COOPERATION ON THESE ISSUES AND ENSURE THE AGREEMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION.

3. INL PRESS GUIDANCE, MARCH 18, 2003:

-- UN ESTIMATE OF COCA CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA --

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE UN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COCA CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA HAS DROPPED BY 30 PERCENT?

A: WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE UN ESTIMATE AS IT SHOWS SIMILAR DECREASES*PARTICULARLY IN THE KEY SOUTHERN CROWING AREAS) TO THE U.S. ESTIMATE RELEASED FEBRUARY 27 (NOTE: WE SAID THE REDUCTION HAS BEEN 15 PERCENT). IN SHORT, THE TREND LINES FROM THESE TWO DIFFERENT CROP ESTIMATES UNDERSCORE THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT COCA CROP REDUCTIONS ONGOING IN COLOMBIA. WE THINK THESE RESULTS SUPPORT THE WISDOM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA'S COMMITTED PROGRAM OF CROP ERADICATION AND ENDORSE OUR AGGRESSIVE PORGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE.

Q: BUT WHY IS THE UN CROP ESTIMATE DIFFERENT FROM THE U.S. ESTIMATE RELEASED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO?

A: THE UN CROP ESTIMATION METHODOLOGY, THOUGH PROFESSIONAL AND HELPFUL, DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT BEING USED BY THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> GOVERNMENT. WE THEREFORE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH AND COOPERATE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH THE UN OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME TO NARROW THE RANGE OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE ESTIMATES.

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THE DIFFERENCES IN THE CROP ESTIMATES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES USED BY THE UN AND THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> GOVERNMENT. THE UN ESTIMATED A GREATER REDUCTION IN COCA CULTIVATION BECAUSE THE UN METHODOLOGY ASSUMED THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THE COCA THAT WAS SPRAYED LATE IN THE YEAR, AFTER THEIR IMAGERY WAS TAKEN, WOULD BE ERADICATED.

 4. IO PRESS GUIDANCE, MARCH 18, 2003:

-- U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: UPDATE AFTER OPENING SESSION --

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT OPENING STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WHO IS FROM LIBYA?

A: IN HER OPENING REMARKS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON MARCH 17TH, THE 2003 CHAIRPERSON FROM LIBYA, NAJAT AL-HAJJAJI, REMARKED THAT DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE MIDDLE EAST HAD NOT KNOWN PEACE, SECURITY OR STABILITY. SHE STATED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WERE STILL BEING HUMILIATED, KILLED AND DEPRIVED OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THAT "BLACK CLOUDS WERE ALSO GATHERING IN THE SKY OF THE REGION," OMINOUS OF A "CATASTROPHIC WAR WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY VIOLATE ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND ESPECIALLY THE RIGHT TO LIFE."

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE LIBYAN CHAIR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DID NOT LIMIT HER OPENING COMMENTS TO THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH IS THE FOCUS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HOPE THAT THE CHAIR WILL NOT USE HER POSITION TO MAKE INACCURATE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> AND ITS ALLIES. WE HOPE THE CHAIR WILL STAND BY HER PLEDGE TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON FOR ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS AT THE COMMISSION. IN THAT REGARD, STATEMENTS ABOUT PALESTINIAN SUFFERING SHOULD BE BALANCED BY SIMILAR REFERENCES TO ISRAELI SUFFERING.

Q: DO WE EXPECT THE LIBYAN CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS?

A: THE U.S. AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS EXPECT ANY CHAIR TO HANDLE HIS OR HER WORK FAIRLY, EFFECTIVELY AND OBJECTIVELY. THE COMMISSION AGENDA IS KNOWN FOR ITS MANY PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS AND RELATED ACTIONS THAT REQUIRE CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND RULES OF PROCEDURE. THE CHAIR IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING

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NEARLY 100 RESOLUTIONS AND ITEMS.

(IF ASKED) Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL SITTING ON <<IRAQ>> AT THE COMMISSION?

A: WE DO NOT SUPPORT A SPECIAL SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON <<IRAQ>>. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS NOT THE FORUM FOR THIS MATTER. THE COMMISSION SHOULD ADDRESS <<IRAQ>> AS IT DOES ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, IN THE CONTEXT OF <<IRAQ>>'S ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

(IF ASKED) Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CHAIR'S STATEMENT THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE CANNOT GET AFFORDABLE HIV/AIDS MEDICINE BECAUSE PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS OVER HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS?

A: IF THE HIV/AIDS STATEMENT REFERS TO U.S. POLICY, THEN IT IS INACCURATE. THE U.S. HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY AT THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THAT HIV/AIDS MEDICINES REACH THE TRULY NEEDY. THE U.S. HAS PLEDGED NOT TO CHALLENGE ANY WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION MEMBER THAT BREAKS A WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION RULE TO EXPORT DRUGS PRODUCED UNDER A COMPULSORY LICENSE TO A COUNTRY IN NEED. WE HAVE CALLED ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO JOIN US IN THIS MORATORIUM ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. IN ADDITION, TO MEET THE SEVERE AND URGENT HIV/AIDS CRISIS ABROAD, PRESIDENT BUSH HAS PLEDGED TO COMMIT 15 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO TURN THE TIDE AGAINST THE DISEASE.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE OPENING STATEMENT OF SERGIO DE MELLO, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT SECURITY CONCERNS SOMETIMES LEAD TO VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

A: IN RESPONDING TO THREATS TO THEIR SECURITY, NATIONS NEVERTHELESS HAVE A DUTY TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE U.S. IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING AND ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR <<DETAINEE>> POLICY AND OUR POLICY ON FIGHTING TERRORISM ARE NOT EXCEPTIONS.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO STATEMENTS BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> WOULD BE WATCHED CLOSELY, ESPECIALLY ITS HANDLING OF PRISONERS HELD AT GUANTANAMO?

A: THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SERGIO DE MELLO, DISCUSSED MANY CONCERNS IN HIS OPENING REMARKS. THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> HAS OPENED OUR DETENTION FACILITY AT GUANTANAMO TO VARIOUS INSPECTIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. THESE <<DETAINÉES>> ARE HELD AS A RESULT OF ARMED CONFLICT. THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS ALLOW FOR ACCESS BY THE INTERNATIONAL

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COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) IN SUCH CASES. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE DETENTION OF PRISONERS AT GUANTANAMO, THE RED CROSS HAS CONDUCTED PERIODIC VISITS AND INTERVIEWED THESE <<DETAINÉES>>. <<TREATMENT>> HAS BEEN HUMANE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

(IF ASKED) Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE RECENT INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)?

A: WE AGREE WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER DE MELLO THAT THE SECURITY OF CIVILIANS IN WAR SHOULD BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>>, WHILE NOTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT HAS BEEN INAUGURATED, PURSUES AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO BRINGING WAR CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE. ACCOUNTABILITY IS PUT WHERE IT BELONGS) WITH STATES THEMSELVES. WE WILL CONSIDER SUPPORTING ANY STATE - POLITICALLY, FINANCIALLY, AND LOGISTICALLY - THAT CREDIBLY SEEKS TO PURSUE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THE U.S. AT THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

A: THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> IS TO ADVANCE THE COMMISSION'S LONG-TERM CREDIBILITY AND RELEVANCE AS THE WORLD'S PREMIER HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM. THIS YEAR, WE ARE PROMOTING REFORM MEASURES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE COMMISSION FOCUS ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS EMBODIED IN THE UN CHARTER AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION; IT IS INCREASINGLY COMPOSED OF COUNTRIES WITH POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS. THIS YEAR, 19 OF 53 MEMBERS HAVE EXTREMELY POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS. THE COMMISSION IS PERVERSELY BECOMING A SAFE HAVEN FOR COUNTRIES SEEKING TO JOIN IN ORDER TO AVOID INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINY AND TO SUBVERT THE COMMISSION. LIBYA'S ELECTION TO THE COMMISSION CHAIR IS ESPECIALLY EGREGIOUS.

WE ARE GOING INTO THE COMMISSION ADVOCATING THAT IT MUST HAVE MEMBERS WITH RESPECTABLE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS TO PRESERVE ITS LONG-TERM CREDIBILITY AND RELEVANCE AS THE WORLD'S PREMIER HUMAN RIGHTS BODY.

WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING AND PUSHING FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. WE ARE CLOSELY ENGAGED WITH THE EUROPEANS ON A NUMBER OF

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RESOLUTIONS, SUCH AS CONDEMNING SOME OF THE WORST HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS, INCLUDING CUBA, <<IRAQ>> AND NORTH KOREA. WITH THE EU WE ARE JOINTLY SPONSORING A RESOLUTION ON TURKMENISTAN. WE WILL ALSO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE AND LOOK FORWARD TO A STRONG RESOLUTION ON SUDAN. THE U.S. IS ALSO PUTTING FORWARD ITS OWN RESOLUTION ON BELARUS, DUE TO THE REPORTS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ABOUT A NUMBER OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DETENTIONS AND ARRESTS THERE.

Q: WHY ISN'T THE U.S. SPONSORING A RESOLUTION ON CHINA THIS YEAR?

A: WE HAVE NOT YET MADE A FINAL DECISION ON A CHINA RESOLUTION. THE U.S. IS ENGAGING AT A VERY SENIOR LEVEL WITH CHINA ON ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES ON ISSUES LIKE IMPRISONMENT OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS, FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF, AND TORTURE AND <<TREATMENT>> OF ETHNIC MINORITIES. IN FEBRUARY, SECRETARY POWELL WENT TO BEIJING TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERN OVER CHINA'S BACKSLIDING ON HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE THE U.S./CHINA HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE DECEMBER 16-18, 2002.

Q: WILL THE U.S. SUPPORT A RESOLUTION ON CUBA THIS YEAR?

A: WE EXPECT THAT A RESOLUTION REGARDING CUBA WILL BE INTRODUCED AND WE PLAN TO SUPPORT IT. CUBA MUST BE BROUGHT TO TASK FOR ITS FAILURE TO ADHERE TO LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION, WHICH CALLED FOR THE VISIT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CUBA AND FOR THE CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE ISLAND.
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