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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON FOR B DAVENPORT FROM M BURKE

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I AM FAXING TO YOU SEPARATELY WHAT IS HOPEFULLY THE FINAL LRAFT OF THE PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH, IT IS EXPECTED, WILL BE PLACED BEFORE THE HOUSE AND SENATE ON MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER. AT THE REQUEST OF FASCELL, CHAIRMAN HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE OPERATIVE SECTION HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THE TWO MAIN ELEMENTS (COMMENDATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND A PROMISE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT) IN ORDER TO GIVE THAT SECTION MORE IMPACT. THE ELEMENTS REMOVED FROM THE OPERATIVE SECTION ( (b) AND (C) ) IN THE DRAFT YOU RECEIVED EARLIER HAVE NOW BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE WHEREAS SECTION.

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EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY THE BRITISH EMEASSY (ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON) TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE FORUM AND THE AGREEMENT AND ALSO TO REMOVE THE REFERENCE TO ' AN UNPRECEDENTED ROLE ' FOR US IN RELATION TO N.I. THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESFULLY RESISTED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. THE BRITISH ALSO SOUGHT THE INCLUSION OF A REFERENCE TO CONSENT AND FASCELL IS DISPOSED TO AGREE TO THIS. THE ACTUAL WORDING OF ARTICLE I (FIRST SECTION) HAS THEREFORE BEEN INSERTED TOGETHER WITH THE LAST SECTION OF THE ARTICLE I AS A COUNTER-BALANCE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THE ABOVE PLEASE LET ME KNOW SOONEST.

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