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 SUBJECT: CENTRAL AMERICA ISSUE AT OASGA

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2. AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT OF REFTTEL WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PINEDA IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT POINTING OUT THAT HONDURAN ACTION HAD CAUSED SOME CONFUSION IN WASHINGTON. PINEDA EXPLAINED THAT ACTING HONDURAN OAS REP HAD PREMATURELY TABLED AGENDA ITEM PRIOR TO ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER CORE FOUR MEMBERS. FOR THE MOMENT GOH CONSIDERS ITS REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF CENTRAL AMERICA ITEM ON OAS AGENDA TO BE "INACTIVE" AND IT INTENDS TO WITHHOLD SUBMISSION OF JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE UNLESS AND UNTIL THERE IS AGREEMENT AMONG FRIENDLY FOUR COUNTRIES TO PROCEED. PINEDA REMARKED THAT, AS OF THE LATEST SOUNDINGS, OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES STILL APPEAR TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, ALTHOUGH HE FELT DEVELOPMENTS AT UNGA MAY CAUSE A SHIFT IN ATTITUDES.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH CREDENCE TO GIVE TO GOH CONTENTION THAT SUBMISSION OF ITEM TO OAS SECRETARIAT WAS INADVERTENT. IT COULD BE THAT GOH, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, SEES THIS ACTION AS SOME FORM OF INSURANCE SHOULD CORE FOUR LATER DECIDE THAT IT WISHES TO PROCEED WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN ITEM IN OAS DEBATE.

4. AFTER FOREGOING WAS DRAFTED AND IN LIGHT OF NEGROPONTE/JOHNSTONE SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE SECURE TELECON, AMBASSADOR CONTACTED MINISTER OF PRESIDENCY CARLOS FLORES (ACTING FONMIN COULD NOT BE LOCATED) TO SAY THAT WE SAW MERIT IN PROCEEDING WITH OASGA ITEM ON CENTRAL AMERICA AFTER ALL IN LIGHT OF NICARAGUAN EFFORTS TO INSCRIBE SUCH ITEM AT UNGA. AMBASSADOR ADVISED FLORES OF REQUIREMENT TO TAKE ACTION BY 3:00 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME WITH OASGA PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IF GOH WISHED TO ENSURE PROSPECTS FOR INSCRIPTION AND ASSURED

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FLORES OF OUR SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE. FLORES SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER IMMEDIATELY.

4. POST POSTSCRIPT. AS OF EVENING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE GOH IS ON BOARD AND HAS INSTRUCTED ITS ACTING OAS DELEGATE TO ACTIVELY PURSUE PROMPT INCLUSION OF CENTRAL AMERICA ON OASGA AGENDA PROVIDED HE IS ASSURED THAT COSTA RICAN, SALVADORAN AND GUATEMALAN DELEGATES WILL BE SUPPORTIVE. NEGROPONTE

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