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SUBJECT: TEXT OF SENATE RESOLUTION ON CHEMICAL
WEAPONS USE AND TALKING POINTS

REF: STATE 214119

1. (U) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PRESSLER AND 19 OTHERS AS SENATE
RESOLUTION 201.

BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS THE ACCUMULATED EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE
SOVIET UNION IS ENGAGED IN THE USE AND/OR PROVISION OF
CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
AFGHANISTAN;

WHEREAS THIS FINDING IS BASED UPON INVESTIGATIONS
CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND BY OTHER
GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE
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FRANCE; AND,

WHEREAS SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE IN CONTRAVENTION OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK TO:

(A) URGE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS CAREFULLY ASSESS THE EVIDENCE AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, CONDUCT THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS OF SUSPECTED CHEMICAL WARFARE;

(B) ASSIST THE UNITED NATIONS TO GAIN UNHINDERED ACCESS FOR UNITED NATIONS INVESTIGATORS TO AREAS WHERE CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS USE IS SUSPECTED; AND,

(C) NEGOTIATE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER NATIONS THE STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS ON CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS SO AS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS FOR ASSURING COMPLIANCE, TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR ON-DEMAND, ON-SITE INSPECTION WHEN NECESSARY. END TEXT.

2. (C) IF LAO BRING UP SUBJECT OF RECENT USG REPORT TO THE UN ON CW USE, SUGGEST EMBASSY REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
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ELSEWHERE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE WE RECEIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE PROHIBITED USE OF SUCH WEAPONRY WHEREVER IT OCCURS. WE SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE UN TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MECHANISM TO INVESTIGATE ANY SUCH EVIDENCE.

-- THE RESOLUTION BY THE SENATE RESTATES A WELL-ESTABLISHED U.S. POLICY OF URGING GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS OF THE ALLEGATIONS THAT CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAVE BEEN USED

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