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1. (C) SUMMARY: THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE
COORDINADORA AND GOP REPRESENTATIVES, LED BY
JUSTICE MINISTER VEGA, WAS DESCRIBED AS "CORDIAL"
BY ALL PARTIES. VEGA BEGAN BY EMPHASIZING THAT
THE MEETING WAS TAKING PLACE TO FULFILL THE GOP'S
PROMISE TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.
PARTICIPANTS DESCRIBED THE TWO-HOUR MEETING AS
"INTRODUCTORY;" THE COORDINADORA SAID IT
INTENTIONALLY FOCUSED ON PRINCIPLES AND ON
DEMONSTRATING ITS BALANCED APPROACH TO HUMAN

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RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN PERU. THE GOP AGREED TO MEET WITH THE COORDINADORA ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND TO LET THE COORDINADORA SET THE AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

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2. (C) THE INITIAL MEETING ON APRIL 20 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR (COORDINADORA) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WAS DESCRIBED BY PARTICIPANTS ON BOTH SIDES AS "CORDIAL." THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY JUSTICE MINISTER FERNANDO VEGA SANTA GADEA, AND WAS ATTENDED ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE BY THE SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE INTERIOR MINISTER, THE VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL DEFENSE COUNCIL, AND FOUR OFFICIALS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. REPRESENTING THE COORDINADORA WERE

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PABLO ROJAS OF COMISEDH, FRANCISCO SOBERON OF APRODEH, AND ANTONIO MALDONADO OF THE IDL. FOLLOWING THE TWO-HOUR MEETING, WE SPOKE WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH SIDES, WHO AGREED THAT THE MEETING HAD GONE WELL.

3. (C) ROJAS TOLD US THAT VEGA HAD STARTED THE MEETING BY DECLARING "THROUGH CLENCHED TEETH" THAT THE REASON THE GOP HAD CONVOKED THE MEETING WAS TO FULFILL ITS "PROMISE" MADE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ROJAS AND SOBERON CHARACTERIZED VEGA AS SURPRISINGLY WELL-BEHAVED; "HE BIT HIS TONGUE" AND WENT STRAIGHT ON WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND AND SOON ESTABLISHED A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE, ACCORDING TO ROJAS.

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4. (C) THE MEETING MAINLY CONSISTED OF BRIEF REMARKS BY EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN TURN, DESCRIBING HOW HIS OR HER WORK RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHAT KIND OF CONTRIBUTION EACH COULD MAKE TO FUTURE MEETINGS. SOBERON TOLD US THAT HE MENTIONED THE SPECIFIC CASES OF THE LA CANTUTA AND HUANCAYO DISAPPEARANCES AND THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE ONLY IN PASSING AS EXAMPLES OF THE

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KINDS OF ISSUES ON WHICH THE COORDINADORA HOPED TO SEE PROGRESS. HE DESCRIBED THE WHOLE SESSION AS CIVILIZED, POLITE AND "COLORLESS." THE ONLY

COMPLAINT THE COORDINADORA HAD ABOUT THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO ROJAS AND SOBERON, WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RESPOND TO THEIR REQUEST TO REVEAL IN DETAIL ALL THE POINTS THAT THE GOP HAD

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PROMISED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO THE MEETINGS.

ROJAS TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT THE COORDINADORA HAD INTENTIONALLY APPROACHED THIS INITIAL MEETING WITH THE PURPOSE OF SETTING DOWN PRINCIPLES AND DEMONSTRATING A BALANCED APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. ROJAS SAID THE COORDINADORA DID NOT PRESENT THE GOP WITH A LONG LIST OF CASES THAT WOULD HAVE PUT IT ON THE DEFENSIVE FROM THE OUTSET.

5. (C) THE COORDINADORA MEMBERS ALSO REMARKED ABOUT THE "SINISTER" PRESENCE OF VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR SOLIS, WHO SAID NOTHING BUT TOOK PLENTY OF NOTES. SOLIS IS SEEN BY THE

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6. (C) THE COORDINADORA LEFT A PAPER WITH THE
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OUTLINING ITS ROLE IN
PERU AND OFFERING A GENERAL AGENDA FOR ITS
DIALOGUE WITH THE GOP. THE DOCUMENT EMPHASIZED
THAT THE COORDINADORA DOES NOT DEFEND TERRORISTS;
RATHER, IT CONDEMNS SUBVERSIVE GROUPS IN PERU
AND NOTES THAT THE COORDINADORA HAS AS A
CONSEQUENCE BEEN THREATENED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO.
"WE BELIEVE THIS DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
COORDINADORA AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES SHOULD
BEAR SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE FRUIT IN ORDER TO
COMPLETELY ERADICATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS,"
THE NOTE READS. IT GOES ON TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT
SEVERAL SPECIFIC ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED,
INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE;
ANTITERRORIST LEGISLATION; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL
VIOLENCE; EDUCATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS; THE
COUNTRY'S PRISON CONDITIONS; THE DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF
DETAINEES; AND THE INVESTIGATION AND PUNISHMENT
OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIC CASES OF HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

**7. (C) SOBERON AND ROJAS TOLD US THEY WERE
FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA
NELIDA COLAN AND BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY. NONETHELESS, THEY RECOGNIZED
THAT THESE OFFICIALS WERE NOT THE ONES WHO
CARRIED WEIGHT, AND THAT VEGA WAS RUNNING THE**

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SHOW. AN INTERESTING SIDE NOTE, TOLD TO US BY
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ROJAS, WAS THAT, IMMEDIATELY ON ADJOURNMENT, THE
COORDINADORA OFFICIALS OVERHEARD VEGA YELL IN
WHAT SEEMED TO BE AN ANGRY TONE ACROSS THE TABLE
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, "COLAN| IN MY OFFICE|"
ROJAS DID NOT KNOW WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT, BUT SAW
IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF VEGA'S DOMINEERING ATTITUDE.

8. (C) MFA HUMAN RIGHTS DESK OFFICER JOSE
ANTONIO DOIG TOLD US THAT THE MEETING WITH THE
COORDINADORA WENT "VERY WELL." THERE WAS A
"FRANK" EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS, AND COLAN AND VEGA
TOLD COORDINADORA TO FEEL FREE AND CONTACT THEIR
OFFICES ANYTIME WITH HR CASES. DOIG IS NEW TO
THE JOB, BUT SAT IN ON THE MEETING AND SAID IT
SEEMED TO GO VERY WELL FROM THE MFA'S POINT OF
VIEW.

COORDINADORA TO SET AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

9. (C) THE GOP AGREED TO MEET WITH COORDINADORA
ONCE A MONTH, AND ASKED THE COORDINADORA TO
DRAFT AN AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. A DATE WAS
NOT SET FOR THE NEXT MEETING; INSTEAD, THE
COORDINADORA AGREED TO SEND A DRAFT OF ITS AGENDA
TO VEGA'S OFFICE ON MAY 3, WITH A REMINDER THAT
THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE CONVOKED ABOUT TWO
WEEKS AFTER THAT. THE COORDINADORA OFFICIALS
SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT.

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10. (U) THE GOP ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE THE SAME
DAY OF THE MEETING NOTING SIMPLY THAT THE
MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE "IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
AGREEMENT REACHED" WITH THE U.S. STATE
DEPARTMENT. THE PRESS RELEASE ADDED THAT VEGA

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HAD ASKED ALL PARTICIPANTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU. THE COORDINADORA ISSUED ITS OWN PRESS RELEASE THE NEXT DAY THAT EMPHASIZED THE POINTS ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES HAD MADE. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT THE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE IN "A CLIMATE OF RESPECT AND MUTUAL INTEREST."

11. (C) COMMENT: BOTH SIDES SEEMED TO APPROACH THIS INTRODUCTORY MEETING IN A TENTATIVE WAY, SEEMINGLY FEARING IMMEDIATE FAILURE AND RELIEVED AT THE CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. THE FOLLOW-UP

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THROUGH THEM THAT THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR
CONCRETE RESULTS ON THE MAJOR THEMES AND

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INDIVIDUAL CASES. THE GOP'S DECISION TO LET THE
COORDINADORA COME UP WITH AN AGENDA FOR FUTURE
MEETINGS IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.
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