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SUBJECT: PERU; APRIL 23 SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION  
ON THE END OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLCOUNSELOR CAMERON R. HUME,  
FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).
2. (C) ON APRIL 23, IN SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS,

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JAPANESE PERMREP OWADA BRIEFED ON THE HOSTAGE CRISIS IN LIMA, PERU. OWADA NOTED THAT THE CRISIS, WHICH HAD BEGUN MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS BEFORE, HAD ENDED ON APRIL 22 WITH THE SAFE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES EXCEPT ONE. ON BEHALF OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, OWADA EXPRESSED

PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU AND TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI FOR THE COURAGEOUS AND SKILLFUL MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAD DEALT WITH THE SITUATION. WHILE JAPAN DEEPLY MOURNED THE LOSS OF LIFE, IT WAS GRATEFUL AND IMMENSELY RELIEVED THAT NEARLY ALL THE HOSTAGES HAD BEEN RELEASED RELATIVELY UNHARMED.

3. (C) OWADA ALSO CONVEYED GRATITUDE TO ALL THE GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE ICRC, WHO HAD PROVIDED OR OFFERED ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD GIVEN POLITICAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY. OWADA EMPHASIZED THAT THIS SUPPORT WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN. LASTLY, OWADA CONVEYED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAD DIED.

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4. (C) COSTA RICAN DPR SAENZ AND CHILEAN PR SOMAVIA PROPOSED THAT A COUNCIL STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. KOREAN PR PARK AND GUINEA-BISSAU PR CABRAL ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF A STATEMENT. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MONTEIBO SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S RELIEF AND SATISFACTION AT THE ENDING OF THE CRISIS, ITS REGRET OVER THE LOSS OF LIFE, AND A STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ALL FORMS OF TERRORISM.

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