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1. SUMMARY. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL "ENERGETICALLY
CONDEMNED" THE "CRIMINAL ACTIONS" OF SENDERO LUMINOSO AND
TUPAC AMARU IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS JULY 24
(TEXT, SEPTTEL). THE RESOLUTION, SUBMITTED BY PERU AND
COSPONSORED BY 15 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES,
MAKES SPECIAL MENTION OF THE VIOLENCE SINCE JULY 16,
WHICH, IT CALLS UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HEMISPHERE. PERU AND
THE UNITED STATES MADE PREPARED REMARKS (PARAS 4-5 AND

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6-7, RESPECTIVELY); COMMENTS BY URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA WERE NOTEWORTHY.

2. CONSENSUS ON THE FINAL TEXT WAS REACHED ONLY AFTER A PROLONGED DEBATE, BEGUN BY VENEZUELA, OVER THE RESOLUTION'S EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY FOR "THE PERUVIAN STATE AND PEOPLE." AMBASSADOR GROOSCORS OF VENEZUELA ARGUED THAT SUPPORT FOR THE PERUVIAN STATE COULD BE TAKEN AS SUPPORT FOR THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT -- A POSITION SHARED BY MOST, IF NOT ALL, THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES, NONE OF WHOM COSPONSORED THE RESOLUTION OR SPOKE ON THE RESOLUTION.

3. PERU STOOD PAT; BOLIVIA COUNTERED VENEZUELA SUCCINCTLY: THE OAS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF "STATES" AND PERU HAS NOT BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THAT ORGANIZATION. VENEZUELA ULTIMATELY RELENTED -- SOME MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE RESOLUTION WERE MADE -- AND JOINED CONSENSUS WITH GROOSCORS' REITERATING AT THE END HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS FOR THE RECORD. END SUMMARY.

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4. PERU'S PREPARED REMARKS RECOUNTED RECENT ACTS OF SENDERO TERROR BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 16 CAR-BOMBING IN MIRAFLORES. THESE REFLECT, PERU'S REPRESENTATIVE GUTER SAID, A RISING CURVE OF VIOLENCE AND A LEVEL OF CRIMINALITY HERETOFORE UNKNOWN IN THE HEMISPHERE. GRUTER CONTRASTED THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MARSHAL RESOURCES IN A TIGHT ECONOMIC SITUATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM WITH SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM MADE POSSIBLE BY THE "SATANIC ALLIANCE" OF TERRORISTS AND NARCOTRAFFICKERS -- AN ALLIANCE WHICH, HE SAID, MAKES TERRORISM A REGIONAL, NOT JUST PERUVIAN, THREAT.

5. GRUTER CITED FAVORABLY A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHICH, HE SAID, CONDEMNED SENDERO VIOLENCE AS "GENOCIDAL ACTS." GRUTER CALLED FOR ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT. THE REMARKS MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN PERU.

U.S. REMARKS: BUILDING DEMOCRACY, CONFRONTING TERRORISM

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6. U.S. PERMREP EINAUDI'S REMARKS (SEE REFTTEL) BEGAN BY RECALLING THE COMMITMENTS OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND HOLD ELECTIONS, MADE TO THE MAY 18 OAS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS -- COMMITMENTS REAFFIRMED BY FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE AND DECLARED "DEFINITIVE AND IRREVERSIBLE."
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7. EINAUDI EXPLICITLY REJECTED INTERPRETING PERU'S CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR SENDERO'S ATTACKS. EINAUDI TRACED THE ANTIDEMOCRATIC ORIGINS OF SENDERO AND ITS RECORD OF BRUTALITY. HE CONCLUDED BY URGING REDOUBLED EFFORTS TO HELP PERU BUILD DEMOCRACY AS A WAY OF CONFRONTING TERRORISM AND CALLED FOR "ADDITIONAL MEASURES," BEYOND THE RESOLUTION, TO HELP PERU.

URUGUAY: BLUNT WORDS FROM A DIPLOMAT-JURIST

8. PERMREP OPERTTI OF URUGUAY, KNOWN FOR HIS CAREFULLY FORMULATED LEGAL ANALYSIS, MINCED NO WORDS IN DESCRIBING THE TERRORISTS. "DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE IGNORANCE, THE DISDAIN, AND VICIOUSNESS OF TERRORISTS," HE SAID. HE CALLED TERRORISM THE "WORST ENEMY OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND AN "INSTRUMENT TO DESTROY THE RULE OF LAW. HE CALLED FOR A PLAN OF ACTION BY THE OAS TO GO BEYOND THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.

VENEZUELA STARTS DEBATE: SOLIDARITY WITH ... STATE, PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT?

9. AMB. GROOSCORS OF VENEZUELA PROVOKED A DEBATE OF ALMOST TWO HOURS WHEN HE OBJECTED TO THE RESOLUTION'S EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERUVIAN "STATE" AND PEOPLE. GROOSCORS DREW A CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND THE LACK OF DEMOCRATIC
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INSTITUTIONALISM. "IT IS IMPERATIVE," HE SAID, "TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IF TERRORISM IS TO BE CONFRONTED EFFECTIVELY ... OUR SOLIDARITY IS WITH THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE." EMPHASIZING "PEOPLE" HE ARGUED THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT/NOT EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERUVIAN STATE, AND SUGGESTED REPLACING "PERU" FOR "PERUVIAN STATE AND PEOPLE" THROUGHOUT THE TEXT.

10. PERU WAS THE FIRST TO OBJECT (AFTER REMARKS BY FOUR OTHER DELEGATIONS UNRELATED TO THIS ISSUE). "PERU IS A MEMBER OF THE OAS," GRUTER SAID, IMPLYING WHAT BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ROLON ANAYA, SPEAKING NEXT, MADE EXPLICIT: THE OAS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF STATES; IF THE STATE OF PERU HAS NOT BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE ORGANIZATION WE SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO MENTION IT.

11. ROLON CALLED THE STATE THE "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY" AND DISTINGUISHED IT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. URUGUAY'S OPERTTI ARGUED THAT ONE COULD NOT LEAVE OUT MENTION OF THE STATE IN REFERRING TO TERRORISM, WHICH IS, HE SAID, PRECISELY AN ATTACK ON THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE STATE. CHILE'S AMBASSADOR MUNOZ TOOK A DIFFERENT TACK TO THE SAME END: THE POSITION OF THE OAS ON DEMOCRACY AND THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF PERU WERE EVIDENT AND CLEAR FROM OTHER RESOLUTIONS IN FORCE; THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, HE SAID, SHOULD DEAL SIMPLY AND FORCEFULLY WITH TERRORISM.

12. VENEZUELA ACCEPTED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE GOVERNMENT -- "WELL KNOWN TO ALL IN THIS ROOM" -- BUT ARGUED VIGOROUSLY THAT DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE NATION, THE STATE, AND THE GOVERNMENT GET MUDDLED IN THE

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PRESS AND IN PUBLIC OPINION. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE RESOLUTION NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE OAS EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH AN UNDEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

13. BRAZIL AND MEXICO LOOKED TO FIND A PROCEDURAL WAY OUT OF THE IMPASSE: BRAZIL SUGGESTED A SHORT RECESS TO IRON OUT LANGUAGE; MEXICO SUGGESTED A VOTE. NEITHER SUGGESTION WAS TAKEN. URUGUAY OFFERED A CHANGE TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED TO "PERU" (NOT AS PER ORIGINAL TO THE "AUTHORITIES AND PEOPLE OF PERU.") URUGUAY'S "FIX," HOWEVER, DID NOT EXCISE "SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERUVIAN

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STATE" AND WAS MORE GESTURE THAN SOLUTION.

14. FINALLY, VENEZUELA RELENTED AND JOINED CONSENSUS. AMBASSADOR GROOSCORS READ FOR THE RECORD A STATEMENT SAYING THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA CONDEMNS TERRORISM WHEREVER IT OCCURS AND SAYING THAT ITS SOLIDARITY WAS WITH THE PEOPLE OF PERU.

15. USOAS COMMENT: IN THE END REASON PREVAILED AND VENEZUELA DID NOT SUCCEED IN DOING WHAT SENDERO HAS TRIED TO DO FOR SO LONG: ELIMINATE THE PERUVIAN STATE.

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