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 SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAS
 - WATCH BLASTED FOR "TEPID"
 - CONDMENATIONS OF ASHANINKA MASSACRE

REF: A. LIMA 9336, B. LIMA 9413

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE PRO-GOP PRESS AND VARIOUS
 PERUVIAN PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING FORMER UN SYG
 JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR, HAVE CRITICIZED AMNESTY

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INTERNATIONAL FOR ISSUING A "TEPID" STATEMENT DEPLORING THE SENDERO LUMINOSO MASSACRE OF INDIGENOUS ASHANINKAS. AMERICAS WATCH WAS ALSO CRITICIZED FOR THE WORDING OF ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE MASSACRE, WHICH CALLED ON SENDERO TO RESPECT THE LAWS OF WAR. MEDIA AND POLITICIANS BELIEVE THE STATEMENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOUGHER -- AS WERE THE STATEMENTS BY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED AUGUST 26, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) CONDEMNED THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) MASSACRE OF AT LEAST 62 PERSONS OF THE ASHANINKA TRIBE IN PERU'S SATIPO PROVINCE (REFTELS). THE STATEMENT SAYS THAT AI IS "SERIOUSLY CONCERNED" OVER AN ACT BY "ATTACKERS IDENTIFIED AS MILITANTS OF THE ARMED GROUP" KNOWN AS SENDERO LUMINOSO. AI GOES ON TO NOTE THAT, "ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM AN ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION," SL "MAY HAVE" CARRIED OUT THE MASSACRE. THE MESSAGE CALLS ON SL TO "PUBLICLY

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 REPUDIATE THESE ACTS AND PUT AN END TO TORTURE AND DELIBERATE AND ARBITRARY HOMICIDE." THE STATEMENT CLOSES BY QUOTING A VILLAGER AS SAYING, "WE ARE BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE. IF THE AUTHORITIES DO NOT ELIMINATE US, THEN SENDERO LUMINOSO WILL."

3. (U) AMNESTY'S STATEMENT WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ATTACKED BY THE GOP AND THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS. PRO-FUJIMORI DAILY "EXPRESO" CRITICIZED THE DECLARATION AS "LUKEWARM," AND ASSERTED THAT AI DID NOT EVEN CENSURE THE TERRORISTS. THE "EXPRESO" ARTICLE COMPLAINED THAT AI ONLY CALLS ON THE SUBVERSIVES TO "CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE OR TACTICS," INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THAT SL IS A TERRORIST GROUP AND NOT A CONVENTIONAL ARMED OPPOSITION. "EXPRESO" ALSO BLASTED THE QUOTE AT THE END OF THE STATEMENT, SAYING IT IMPLIED THAT PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES ARE AN EQUAL OR GREATER DANGER TO THE POPULATION THAN SL.

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4. (U) EVEN OPPOSITION CONGRESSMAN ROGER CACERES, CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, SAID THE AI STATEMENT WAS "TOO SOFT" AND "MINIMIZES THE CRUELTY OF THE TERRORISTS AND THE BARBARISM WITH WHICH THESE MURDERERS ACTED. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S ATTITUDE," HE TOLD JOURNALISTS AUGUST 27, "WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD HAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE CRUEL AND EXECRABLE KILLINGS..." FORMER UN SECRETARY

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GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR ALSO CRITICIZED AI'S STATEMENT (AND POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ISSUED A FULL WEEK AFTER THE MASSACRE), AND CALLED ON AI, AMERICA'S WATCH AND WOLA TO UNITE IN CONDEMNING THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY SL AND PERU'S OTHER TERRORIST GROUP, MRTA.

5. (U) AN AMERICAS WATCH STATEMENT ON THE MASSACRE, ISSUED AUGUST 23, WAS ALSO QUESTIONED BY THE PERUVIAN MEDIA. THE STATEMENT CALLS THE KILLINGS "A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RIGHTS AND WITHOUT A MILITARY OBJECTIVE...THAT FORMS PART OF A SYSTEMATIC PATTERN OF VIOLATIONS OF THE NORMS OF WAR..." EDITORIALS IN THE PRO-GOP PRESS COMPLAINED THAT SL SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS A TRADITIONAL COMBATANT IN A WAR, BUT AS A

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT SENDING US THE COMPLETE ENGLISH TEXTS OF THE AI AND AW STATEMENTS. AS PUBLISHED IN SPANISH IN THE PERUVIAN PRESS, HOWEVER, THE AI AND AW COMMUNIQUE WERE NOT AS FORCEFUL IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF SL AS THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. PRO-GOP GROUPS AND EVEN SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE CRITICIZED THE AI AND AW STATEMENTS AS TEPID AND CONDITIONED CRITICISM, AND ALSO AS SEEMING TO CONFER SOME KIND OF "BELLIGERANT" STATUS ON SL, SOMETHING THE PRO-GOP FORCES VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE (AS WOULD MOST OF THE OPPOSITION). SOME OF THESE GROUPS HAVE OF COURSE IN THE PAST CRITICIZED AI AND AW ANALYSES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PERU, AND HAVE SEIZED UPON THE LATEST STATEMENTS AS ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF

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