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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ITEM 12: IRANIAN
RESOLUTION ON USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY IRAQ

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2. DEPT ENDORSES GENERAL STRATEGY DESCRIBED REFTEL.
PARA 3. USDEL SHOULD WORK TO DEVELOP GENERAL WESTERN
POSITION IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION TO TAKE "NO DECISION"
ON IRANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
BY IRAQ. IF SUCH A MOTION GETS REASONABLE AND BROAD
SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP, USDEL SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR.
FAILING WESTERN SUPPORT FOR "NO DECISION," USDEL
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SHOULD ABSTAIN.
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3. IN EITHER CASE, USDEL SHOULD MAKE A STRONG EXPLANATION OF VOTE DRAWING UPON DEPT PRESS STATEMENT OF MARCH 5 ON IRAQI USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS REPEATED PARA 4 BELOW. USDEL SHOULD UNEOERSCORE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS AN INAPPROPRIATE FORUM FOR MATTERS DEALING WITH CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

-- USG EVENHANDEDLY CONDEMN THE PROHIBITED USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS WHENEVER IT OCCURS.

-- USG DEPLORES THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND BLOODSHED IN BOTH IRAN AND IRAQ, OF WHICH THE CARNAGE CAUSED BY CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS ONLY A PART.

4. TEXT OF DEPT'S PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT IRAQ HAS USED LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY CONDEMS THE PROHIBITED USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS WHEREVER IT OCCURS. THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR USE BY ANY COUNTRY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN WORKING FOR MANY YEARS WITH OTHER NATIONS TO ENSURE A TREATY BANNING PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF LETHAL AND INCAPACITATING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL PROHIBITIONS AGAINST THEIR USE. THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN RECENT CONFLICTS INCLUDING THE

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THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR ONLY ADDS TO THE URGENCY OF THIS UNDERTAKING.

WHILE CONDEMNING IRAQ'S RESORT TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE UNITED STATES ALSO CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACCEPT THE GOOD OFFERS OFFERED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT AN END TO THE BLOODSHED. THE UNITED STATES FINDS THE PRESENT IRANIAN REGIME'S INTRANSIGENT REFUSAL TO DEVIATE FROM ITS AVOWED OBJECTIVE OF ELIMINATING THE

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ACCEPTED NORMS OF BEHAVIOR AMONG NATIONS AND THE MORAL
AND RELIGIOUS BASIS WHICH IT CLAIMS.

THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THE TRAGIC AND NEEDLESS LOSS
OF BOTH IRANIAN AND IRAQI LIVES, ESPECIALLY THROUGH
ATTACKS ON CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. WE URGE BOTH STATES
TO RESPECT THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS DESIGNED TO MITIGATE THE HUMAN SUFFERING
OF WARFARE, PARTICULARLY THOSE BANNING THE USE OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND REQUIRING THE HUMANE TREATMENT
OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS.
END QUOTE. SHULTZ