Honduran Presidential Inaugural

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2. Honduran Presidential Inaugural is scheduled for January 27. While Embassy recognizes that this date is still somewhat remote, we believe it is not too early to start thinking about composition of U.S. delegation.

3. Given fact that election is likely to have positive implications for our policies, not only in Honduras but throughout Central American region, Embassy believes serious consideration should be given to designating cabinet-level official to head inaugural delegation. Moreover, apart from important symbolic and ceremonial aspects, inauguration will likely provide U.S. delegation members useful opportunity to meet with other Central and Latin American leaders who...
choose to attend. For Department's information, Ambassador mentioned idea of including high-level Congressional participation in any inaugural delegation with visiting CODELs Lagomarsino and Gilman as well as STAFDEL Carbaugh. All were receptive to the idea, and to hear Department may expect/further from them on this subject.

4. Embassy will report schedule of inaugural activities and likely invitees from other countries as soon as that information becomes available. We just wanted to drop a marker now for the busy schedules of senior Washington officials whom we hope might be able to participate in such a gesture of endorsement for what has occurred here.

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