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 SUBJECT: GOC DENIES NEGOTIATIONS IN RESPONSE TO PEPES

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1. (U) AN APRIL 5 STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE PROCURADURIA (GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG AGENCY) AND THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE DENIED APRIL 4 ACCUSATIONS BY THE GROUP PERSECUTED BY ESCOBAR (PEPES) THEY WERE NEGOTIATING THE SURRENDER OF DRUG FUGITIVE PABLO ESCOBAR (REFTEL). THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ALSO REJECTS THE VIGILANTE ACTIONS OF LOS PEPES. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE JOINT PROCURADURIA/FISCALIA COMMUNIQUE.

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2. (U) BEGIN TEXT:

IN LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED YESTERDAY BY THE MEDIA REGARDING AN ALLEGED COMMUNIQUE BY THE SO-CALLED ORGANIZATION "LOS PEPES," THE NATIONAL PROSECUTOR GENERAL AND THE PROCURADURIA WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING KNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

1. THAT THE GOAL OF THE SURRENDER TO JUSTICE POLICY ADOPTED BY THIS COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BE THE CREATION OF LEGAL CONDITIONS SO THAT CERTAIN CRIMINALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST DANGEROUS TO SOCIETY, SURRENDER TO AUTHORITIES FOR TRIAL ACCORDING TO EXISTING LAWS.
2. THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL AND THE PROCURADURIA IS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF SOCIETY, AS WELL AS TO INVESTIGATE AND CHARGE THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES, AND CONSEQUENTLY IT IS THEIR DUTY TO ATTEND TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SURRENDER TO JUSTICE UNCONDITIONALLY.
3. THAT THE LAWYERS FOR PABLO ESCOBAR WERE HEARD WITHIN THE ABOVE GUIDELINES, AND THE SAME WOULD BE

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DONE FOR THE DEFENDERS OF OTHER PERSONS EXPRESSING
THEIR INTENTION TO AVAIL OF THE SURRENDER TO JUSTICE
POLICY.

4. THAT WE ENERGETICALLY REJECT ANY CRIMINAL FORM OF
FIGHTING CRIME, AS WELL AS ALL TYPES OF PRIVATE
JUSTICE WHICH ATTEMPT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH

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CORRESPOND CONSTITUTIONALLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES AND THE JUDICIARY. THE LEGITIMACY AND THE
MORAL AUTHORITY OF THE STATE DERIVES PRECISELY FROM
RESPECT FOR LEGAL NORMS AND ESTABLISHED LEGAL
PROCEDURES. THESE ARE LOST WHEN SOCIETY TOLERATES OR
CONDONES CRIMES COMMITTED BY THOSE WHO FIGHT CRIMINALS
ILLEGALLY. IN SUMMARY, BOTH INSTITUTIONS ARE OF THE
OPINION THAT NO ONE CAN RESORT TO CRIME TO FIGHT
CRIMINALS.
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