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SUBJ: CHINA: PRESSURE TACTICS. (U)

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TEXT: 1. (U) BEIJING IS REPORTEDLY APPLYING STRONG PRESSURE ON DELEGATES TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA NOT TO PASS A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING THE MILITARY CRACKDOWN AND MASS ARREST OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS.

2. ~~(S)~~ ONE OF THE 26 DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE SAID THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN UNDER SUCH PRESSURE TO VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION. THE CHINESE REPORTEDLY WILL NOT EVEN AGREE TO A WATERED-DOWN RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION, CHINESE AMBASSADORS TO THE 26 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO PERSUADE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

3. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT: DESPITE THE PRESSURE TO HALT PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHINA, IT IS EXPECTED TO BE PASSED. THE CHINESE RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR TO BEIJING'S REACTION TO AN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT, WHICH WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. IN RESPONDING TO THAT REPORT, A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CHINA DOES NOT HAVE ANY HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS AND THAT CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE UNREASONABLE AND GROUNDLESS. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE EVENTS AT TIANANMEN SQUARE ARE CRIMINALS AND WILL BE PROSECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHINESE LEGAL PROCEDURES.

4. ~~(S)~~ BEIJING CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT THE SUPPRESSION OF THE PRODEMOCRACY MOVEMENT ON 4 JUNE WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO DIED DURING THAT TIME WERE SOLDIERS AND NOT CIVILIANS. MOREOVER, BEIJING HAS CALLED REPORTS OF A MASSACRE AT

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TIANANMEN SQUARE A DISTORTION AND LIE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INSISTS THAT THE FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA ARE INTENT ON HARMING CHINA.

5. ~~(S)~~ THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN ORDER TO PRESENT ITS VERSION OF EVENTS AND TO ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE THIRD WORLD, TO BE UNDERSTANDING OF, IF NOT SYMPATHETIC TO, BEIJING'S SITUATION.

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