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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
  2. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED DIP NOTE, DATED AUG. 12, FROM MFA SAYING THAT KAZAKHSTAN "IS READY, TOGETHER WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES, TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO USE U.S. AID TO SPEED THE PROCESS OF NUCLEAR ARMS DESTRUCTION". THIS NOTE IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH ON JULY 14 WHICH OPENED THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE ON SAFE SECURE DISMANTLEMENT (SSD) ASSISTANCE.
  3. REFERRING TO THE NUNN-LUGAR LEGISLATION, THE NOTE SAYS KAZAKHSTAN "PROPOSES TO USE THE ALLOCATED ASSISTANCE FOR FINANCING THE TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND GUARDING OF WEAPONS BEFORE THEIR DESTRUCTION". SPECIFICALLY THE NOTE PROPOSES ASSISTANCE FOR:
    - "PREPARATION OF SPECIAL CONTAINERS FOR NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS;
    - SPECIAL COATINGS FOR NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS THAT WOULD SEAL THE CONTENTS;
    - A SERIES OF MEASURES TO ORGANIZE THE SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS BY RAIL, INCLUDING RELIABLE SECURITY FOR GUARDING THE WEAPONS DURING SHIPMENT".
  4. THE NOTE ALSO MENTIONS THE NEED TO DISCUSS EXPENSES INVOLVED IN PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES, WITH REGARD TO THE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS PRESENT IN KAZAKHSTAN.
  5. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE KAZAKHSTAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO THE SSD ISSUES WHICH WE RAISED LAST MONTH WITH MFA AND MOD. THE TWO MINISTRIES HAVE COORDINATED THEIR RESPONSE IN THIS NOTE, INDICATING HIGHTENED EFFECTIVENESS IN BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO SOPHISTICATED DISARMAMENT ISSUES WHICH CROSS BUREAUCRATIC LINES. THE NOTE DOES NOT MENTION THE PROPOSED VISIT OF GENERAL BURNS AND HIS TEAM PER SE, BUT DEMONSTRATES KAZAKHSTAN'S DESIRE TO DISCUSS SSD IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- THE EMBASSY WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO CAUTION THAT GEN. BURNS' VISIT AND THAT OF JCIC AMBASSADOR STEINER, WHILE BOTH CLEARLY DESIRED ON THE KAZAKHSTAN SIDE, SHOULD NOT OCCUR SIMULTANEOULY. BOTH DELEGATIONS WILL BE DEALING WITH THE SAME SMALL CIRCLE OF KAZAKHSTAN OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT ISUES. TO GAIN THE MAXIMUM FROM EACH VISIT THEY SHOULD BE SEPARATED BY AT LEAST A FEW DAYS. THIS SENTIMENT WAS ALSO ECHOED BY MFA MIN/COUNS GIZZATOV, WHO WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN PLANNING BOTH VISITS; IN A CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUG. 13 HE STRONGLY URGED THAT VISITS BE SPACED APART.
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