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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT - IRISH ITEM

SALT (UK) TOLD US OCTOBER 31 IRISH HAD MADE CHANGES IN DRAF

RES SENT DEPT AT UK REQUEST AND WERE TABLING TEXT AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 31. CHANGES READ AS FOLLOWS: 4TH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHY - CHANGE "HANDING OVER" TO "RELINQUISHING" AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWINGO FOR 2ND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH: "CALLS ON POWERS PRODUCING SUCH

WEAPONS, AS A TEMPORARY AND VOLUNTARY MEASURE PENDING THE NEGOTIATION OF SUCH A PERMANENT AGREEMENT, TO REFRAIN FROM

RELINQUISHING TO ANY NATION NOT POSSESSING THEM CONTROL OF SUCH

WEAPONS, AND FROM TRANSMITTING TO IT THE INFORMATION

NECESSARY FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE."

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SALT INDICATED THIS CHANGE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT UK NOW SUPPORT IRISH RES WHEREAS THEY HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN ON EARLIER TEXT. SHE EXPRESSED HOPE US WOULD BE ON SAME SIDE OF FENCE AS UK. WE INDICATED OUR INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN TO ABSTAIN ON EARLIER DRAFT BUT WE WOULD SEND THIS CHANGE TO WASHINGEDN FOR REVIEW.

MISSION BELIEVES STRONGLY US SHOULD SUPPORT TEXT AS REVISE. FIRST, CONSIDER IT WOULD GIVE UNFORTUNATE APPEARANCE_IF WE AND UK VOTE DIFFERENTLY ON THIS RES WHICH, AFTER ALL, DEALS 📚 🖈 WITH ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS DISARMAMENT PROBLEM. SECONDLY, OUR SUPPORT WOULD ASSURE PASSAGE THIS RES WITH OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, THEREBY DECREASING CHANCES FOR PASSAGE OTHER RESIS ON THIS SUBJECT LIKE POLISH DRAFT AND INDIAN DRAFT WHICH COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE IN PRESENT FORM. THIRD, SINCE EVEN IN EARLIER VERSION IRISH DRAFT NOT SO UNACCEPTABLE AS TO REQUIRE US TO OPPOSE, WE BELIEVE IMPROVED VERSION SHOULD PERMIT US TO VOTE FOR IT THEREBY BEING "ON SIDE OF ANGELS" ON ISSUE WITH

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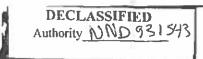
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TREMENDOUSLY EMOTIONAL OVERTONES IN GA. FINALLY, AS MATTER OF PRACTICE, DO NOT BELIEVE IT DESTRABLE FOR US ADOPT POLICY ABSTENTION ON MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES SUCH AS DISARMAMENT WHEREVER CAN BE AVOIDED.

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