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SUBJECT: SCIENCE AND WEAPONS REVIEW CABLE,
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1. USSR: ATTEMPTING TO IMPEDE WESTERN
TACTICAL LASER WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT? [REDACTED]
RECENTLY, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER EDWARD SHEVARDNADZE
DELIVERED A SPEECH DURING THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT AT THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) IN NEW YORK. DURING
HIS SPEECH HE REMARKED ON THE NEED TO PLACE LIMITS ON NEW
DEVELOPMENTS IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. ELABORATING ON THIS
POINT, SHEVARDNADZE STATED:
WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION IN THIS REGARD IS THE PROPOSAL OF
STATES MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON THE CESSATION
AND PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
ACHIEVEMENTS FOR DEVELOPING AND PRODUCING...NEW KINDS AND

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SYSTEMS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS. WE REGARD AS EXTREMELY INTERESTING THE IDEA OF CONDUCTING A SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR A TIMELY ELABORATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON PREVENTING THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR WEAPON DEVELOPMENT...THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN THE FIRST PLACE WITH RESPECT TO LASER, GENETIC, AND ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS. WE NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL OF SWEDEN TO BAN THE USE OF BATTLEFIELD LASER WEAPONS FOR BLINDING PERSONNEL.

THE SWEDES REPEATEDLY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO HAVE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A BAN AGAINST ANTIPERSONNEL LASER WEAPONS--BASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS--BE APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THEY FIRST FORMALLY PROPOSED SUCH A RESOLUTION DURING THE 25TH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN OCTOBER 1986 AS PART OF THE LAW ON LAND WARFARE. (THIS RESOLUTION WAS REJECTED BY THE CONFEREES AS A RESULT OF STRONG OPPOSITION FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE USSR.)

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT 1987, THE SWEDES SOUGHT SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION. FOR EXAMPLE:
X-- IN APRIL 1987, THE SWEDISH MISSION IN GENEVA HOSTED AN INFORMAL MULTINATIONAL MEETING TO REVIEW THEIR PROPOSAL. (THE SOVIETS WERE NOTICEABLY ABSENT AT THIS MEETING AND THE SWEDES WERE OPENLY DISAPPOINTED BY THEIR ABSENCE.)
X-- IN MAY 1987, AMBASSADOR BRITT THEORIN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION TO THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION, STATED THAT SWEDEN CONSIDERED THE USE OF ANTIPERSONNEL LASER WEAPONS "A CLEAR CONTRAVENTION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES IN THE LAW OF LAND WARFARE."
X-- IN JULY 1987, SWEDEN CIRCULATED A "REQUEST FOR VIEWS" OF THE RESOLUTION THEY WOULD PROPOSE TO THE 42ND UN GENERAL

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