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- DETERMINATION

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MEIROM AND I MADE JOINT DEMARCHE, DECEMBER 6, ON PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALEXIS FRUTOS VAESKEN. WE REQUESTED THAT PARAGUAY CO-SPONSOR-DRAFT RESOLUTION (CITING URUGUAYAN DECISION -- REF D) AND PREVENT PROCEDURAL COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS EFFORT TO LABEL OUR RESOLUTION AN "IMPORTANT QUESTION." I TOLD FRUTOS THAT PARAGUAYAN CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD HELP BURY MYTH OF PARAGUAY AS A HAVEN OF EX-NAZIS. FRUTOS SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORED REMOVAL OF "ZIONISM IS RACISM" LANGUAGE BUT NEEDED APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT

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RODRIGUEZ. FRUTOS PROMISED TO INFORM ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND ME ONCE PRESIDENT REACHED HIS DECISION.

3. LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL ALSO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRUTOS TO REINFORCE THIS EFFORT. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MEIROM HAS REQUESTED PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MORENO RUFFINELLI TO SPONSOR A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ABOLITION OF "ZIONISM IS RACISM" LANGUAGE. LATTER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DO SO ONLY IF FOREIGN MINISTRY SUPPORTED SUCH A MOVE#

4. WE WILL REPORT WHEN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ REACHES DECISION ON THIS MATTER. GLASSMAN

ADMIN
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