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SUBJECT: DUTCH LIBERALS SEEK TO EXPEL AUSTRIAN

FREEDOM PARTY FROM LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL

REF: VIENNA 14161

1. (U) DUTCH PRESS REPORTS CONFIRM THE ARTICLE IN AN AUSTRIAN DAILY (REFTEL) STATING THAT THE DUTCH LIBERAL PARTY (VVD) WILL SEEK THE EXPULSION OF THE AUSTRIAN FREEDOM PARTY (FPO) FROM THE LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL (LI) BECAUSE OF THE FPO'S ASSOCIATION WITH PEOPLE ACCUSED OF NAZI SYMPATHIES. LIBERAL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY LEADER JORIS VOORHOEVE WROTE AN ARTICLE OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE AGREED WITH VVD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY TOM VAN BENMELEN'S INITIATIVE TO EXPEL THE FPO AT THE NEXT LI MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 1

2. (U) AN ARTICLE IN THE DAILY DUTCH PAPER "TROUW" OFFERED FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THE LIBERAL INITIATIVE.

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