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Subject: Turkey to Downgrade Relations with Israel

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: FM Davutoglu announced during a September 2 press conference the GoT's intention to downgrade relations with Israel if the latter does not apologize for its May 31, 2010 interception of the Freedom Flotilla flagship Mavi Marmara by the official release of the Palmer Panel report expected for September 7. Davutoglu emphasized the GoT's goal is not to harm the centuries-old friendship between Turks and Jews, but to compel the Israeli government to rectify its mistakes. He rejected the leaked report's conclusion that the Gaza embargo is consistent with international law. The Israeli Embassy here has not yet received official notification of the downgrade in relations and requirement to withdraw personnel. We expect the MFA to withhold that notice until the Palmer Panel report's official release on September 6. Davutoglu will be attending the September 3 informal EU foreign ministers meeting (Gymnich). END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) Reacting to the past 24 hours' media leaks of the Palmer Panel report conclusions, FM Davutoglu announced during a 12:30 p.m. (Ankara time) press conference:

- Turkey's intention to downgrade relations with Israel to the second secretary level effective September 7 if the GoT fails to apologize for the Mavi Marmara's interception. (Note: GOT expecting Palmer Panel report on September 6 but MFA source said indicate this action will take place on September 7 whether report is released on not.)
- The suspension of all bilateral military agreements (NOTE: This may/may impact the servicing contract for the Israel Aerospace Industries Heron UAVs sold to the Turkish military and used in anti-PKK operations.)
- Turkey will, as the country with the longest coastline in the eastern Mediterranean, take measures to ensure freedom of navigation.
- The GoT will challenge the legality of Israel's blockade of Gaza in the International Court of Justice.
- The GoT will support Turkish and other victims of Israeli attacks.

(NOTE: REFTEL reported concerns that the GoT might seek to throttle the Israeli-Turkish commercial relationship.

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Davutoglu did not mention any GoT intent to cut business ties or other people to people exchanges with Israel.)

3. (U) Davutoglu emphasized that, by taking these actions, the GoT's goal is not to harm the centuries-old friendship between Turks and Jews, but to compel the Israeli government to rectify its mistakes. He attributed the downgrade in relations entirely to Israeli government actions. He said the GoI had wasted an opportunity to forestall this action and is paying the price through the loss of Turkey's friendship. He implied the GoT would reconsider its decision to downgrade relations if the GoI met Turkey's conditions, most notably an official apology for the Mavi Marmara's interception, before the Palmer report's issuance.

4. (SBU) Davutoglu opened his press conference with observations pertaining to the May 31, 2010 Israel Defense Forces interception of the Mavi Marmara and the associated deaths of eight Turks and one Turkish-American. He said:

- Israel launched the attack in international waters against civilians on board a civilian vessel that was attempting to provide aid to the people of Gaza, which is under Israeli blockade.
- Nine civilians, eight Turks and one American, died in the attack, while the rest of the people on board were taken prisoner.
- The killing of innocent civilians is a war crime, a crime against humanity.
- No countries are above the law; no countries are exempt from judicial processes.
- A war crime was committed in international waters, a crime against humanity.
- Turkey had cooperated with the investigation process.
- Turkey had announced it would not normalize relations unless Israel met Turkish conditions.
- Turkey has been confronted by attempts to manipulate the media. (NOTE: The GoT has been repeatedly irked by leaks to Israeli media on the progress of its discreet rapprochement discussions with the GoI.)
- Israel had requested the past postponements of the Palmer Panel report's release. Turkey had rejected the GoI's last request for a six-month postponement.
- The report was leaked in the press before it was submitted to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.
- The report reflects only the views of the panel chairman and his deputy.
- Turkey cannot accept its conclusion the Gaza blockade is in compliance with international law; the report's political goals interfere with its legal analysis.
- Turkey will take the blockade issue to the international courts.
- The report describes Israel as having used excessive force.

5. (SBU) Davutoglu concluded his statement by saying that the measures he outlined would not be reversible without Israel taking the "necessary steps." MFA officials do not anticipate that the GoI will be in a position to take the long-discussed necessary steps in the near future, much less by Wednesday, the deadline for the return home of diplomats above the second secretary level.

6. (SBU) The Israeli Embassy here told us that, as of 15:30 p.m. (Ankara time), it had received no official notice of the downgrade in relations or order to depart. (COMMENT: We expect to MFA to withhold that notice until the Palmer Panel report's official release.) Ambassador Levy is in Israel on leave, and was to return week of September 5 prior to an expected mid-month departure from Ankara. The Israeli Consulate in Istanbul does not expect the anticipated Turkish action to force the Consul General to leave. The embassy is not aware of any planned demonstrations in front of its missions and does not expect any demonstrations this weekend.

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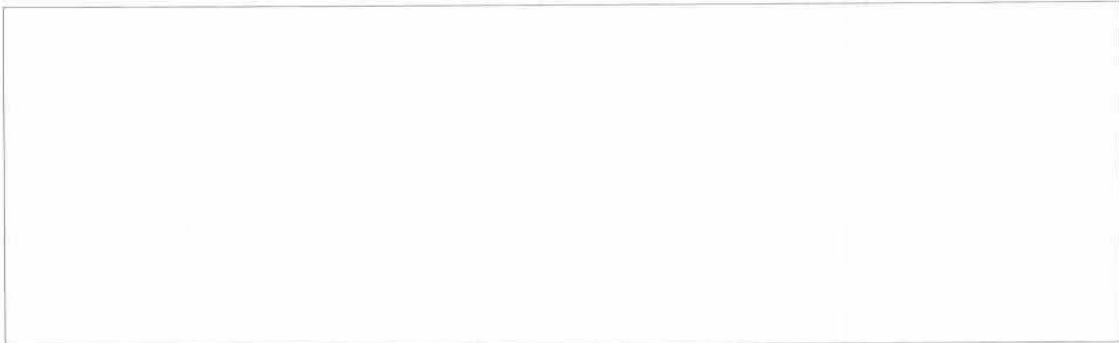
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1. (SBU) Welcome to Turkey. Your trip comes just after the President's meeting in New York with Prime Minister Erdogan, which reaffirmed the close ties and broadly shared vision within which the United States and Turkey manage complex challenges from different perspectives.



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2. (U) We recommend that you make the following points with your Turkish interlocutors:



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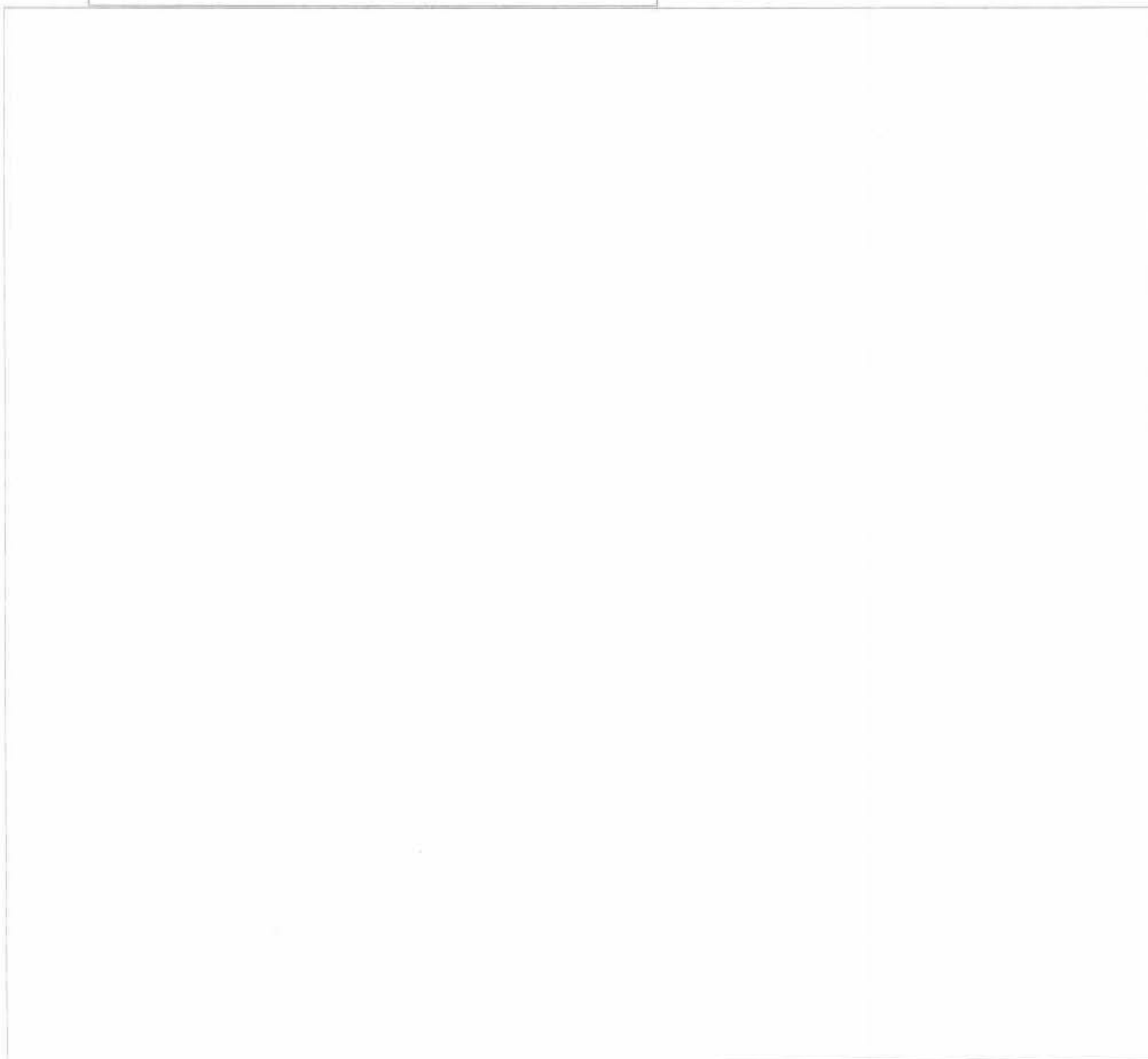
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(para 9)

- Turkey's influence as a proponent of regional peace and prosperity is only diminished by bellicose rhetoric or hints of military action in response to Israel's refusal to apologize over the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident [redacted]

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Arab Spring, Regional Cooperation



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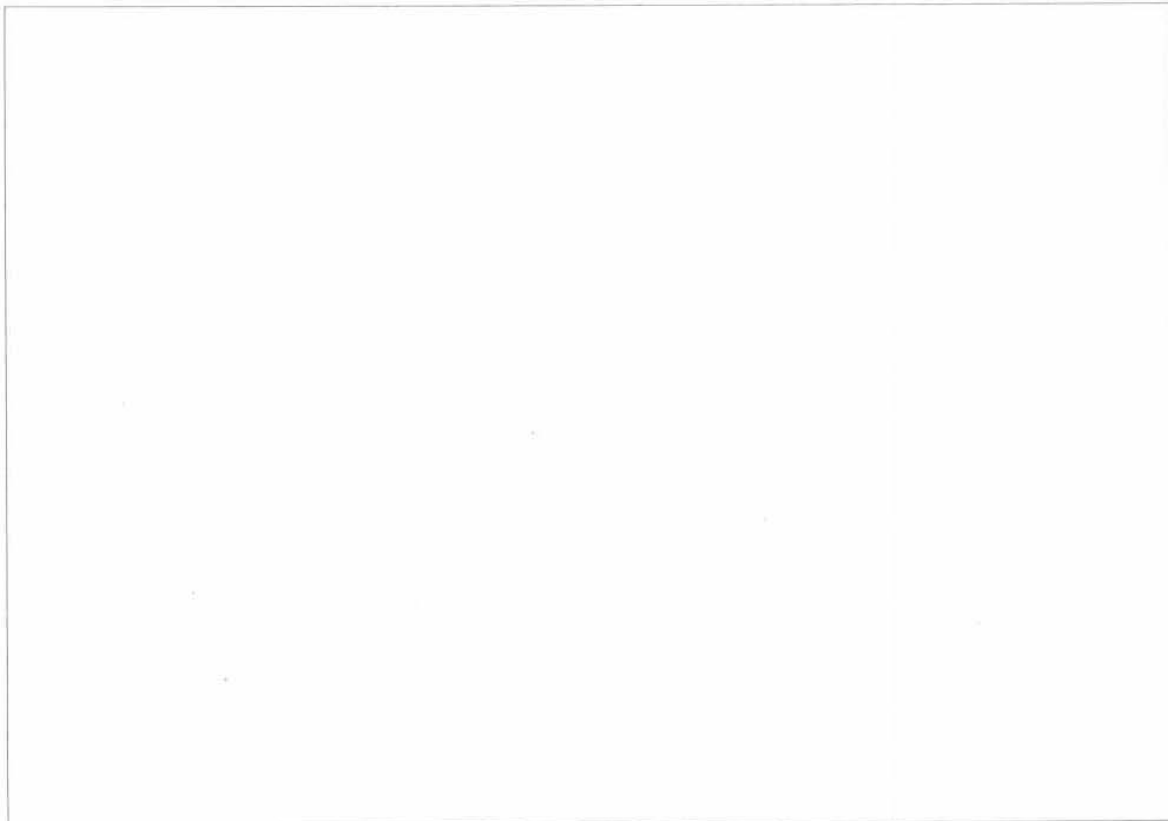
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[REDACTED] PM Erdogan was among the first world leaders (he had actually hoped to be the very first) to visit Tripoli as part of a regional tour in early September that also saw him received warmly in Cairo and Tunis. Still smarting from Israel's refusal to apologize over the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident, Erdogan lashed out at the Israelis and vowed to press the cause of the recognition of Palestinian statehood at the UN.



Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan



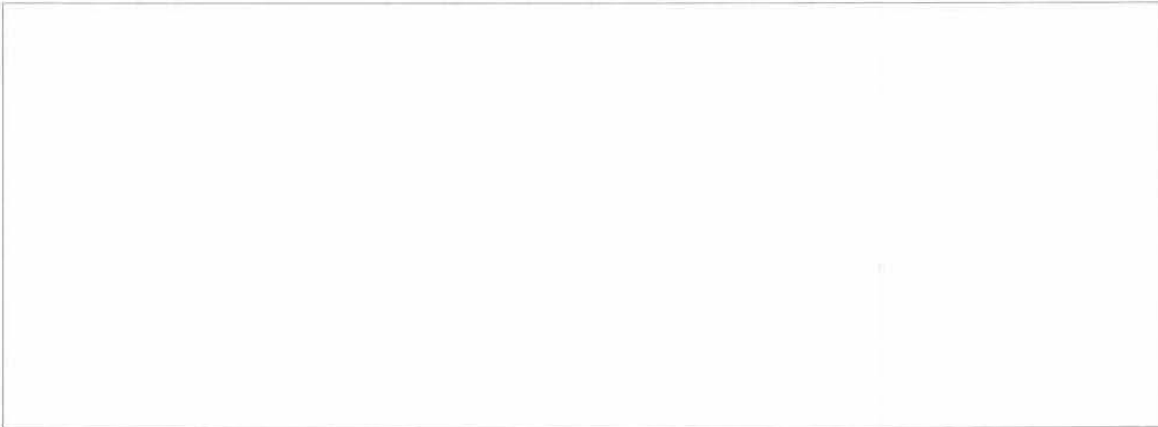
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9. (SBU) On May 31, 2010, a flotilla of ships, organized in part by a Turkish NGO, IHH, departed

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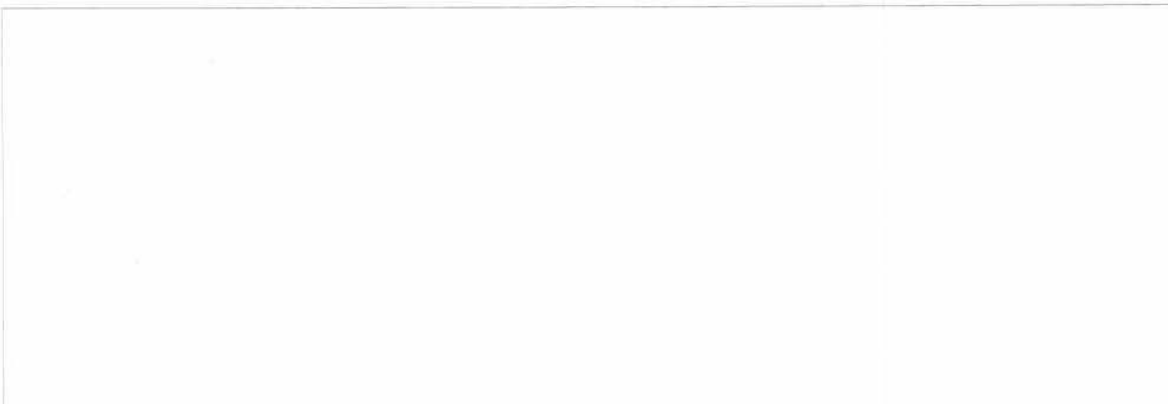
Turkey with the goal of breaking Israel's blockade of Gaza. Israel Defense Force (IDF) commandos fast-roped from helicopters onto the flagship, the Mavi Marmara, and immediately encountered violence from the passengers. The commandos responded with deadly force, killing eight Turks and one Turkish-American. The incident has gravely strained Turkish-Israeli relations. A several-months-long low-profile effort by senior Turkish and Israeli diplomats to hammer out an apology/compensation formula failed in early September, as the UN's Palmer Commission released a report that upheld the legality of the blockade and determined that the Government of Israel had used excessive and unreasonable force. Turkey has responded by (1) down-grading diplomatic relations, (2) suspending all military agreements, (3) declaring it will take measures to ensure the freedom of navigation in the eastern Mediterranean, (4) requesting that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) examine the legality of the Gaza blockade, and (5) supporting all flotilla victims in pursuing lawsuits against Israel. Highly charged rhetoric from leaders on both sides has made rapprochement difficult, complicating our efforts to influence the course of the Arab Spring. We want them to put aside their dispute and work together with us in encouraging the Middle East towards democracy and prosperity.

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Religious Minorities, Armenia



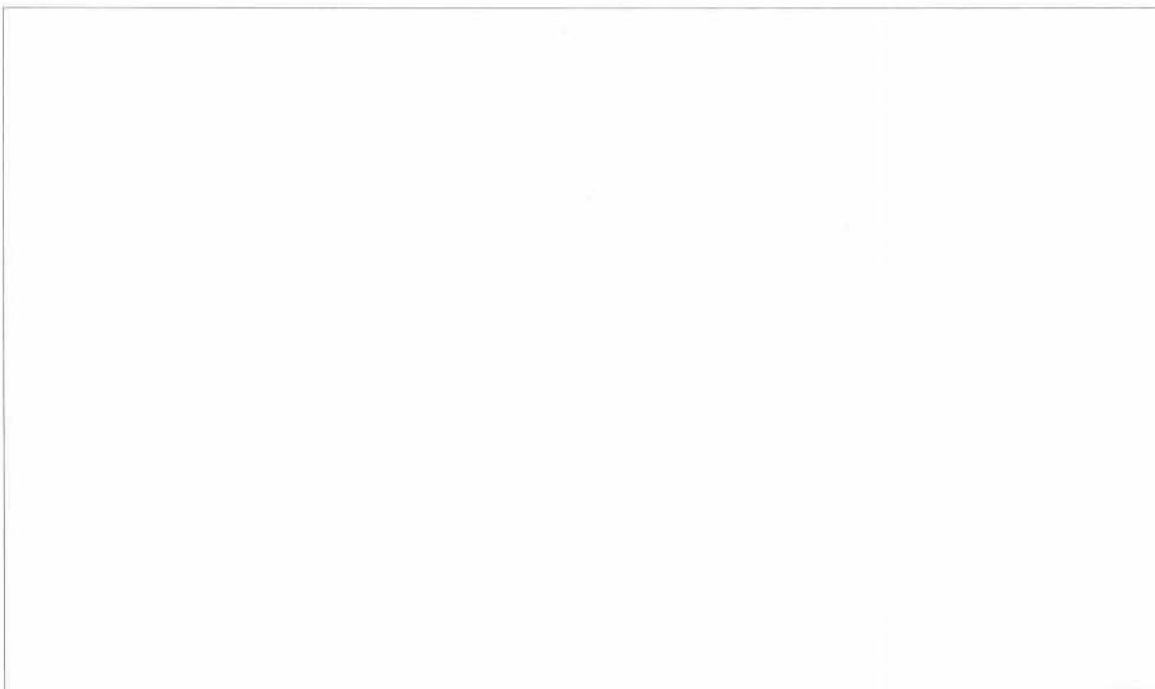
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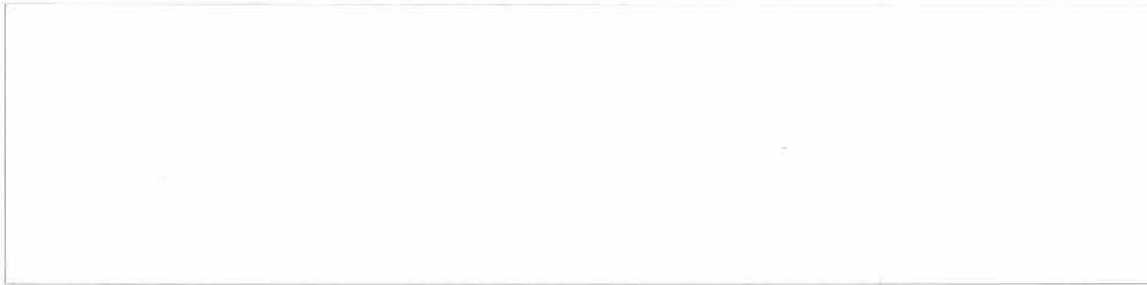
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3. (U) Responding to a journalist's questions on the margins of the August 17 Istanbul OIC Somalia fund-raising conference, PM Erdogan spoke allusively of next steps available to the government and bereaved Mavi Marmara families should Israel fail to apologize for the May 31, 2010 interception and boarding and compensate Turkish losses incurred in the incident: "It is not possible for the Turkish-Israeli relationship to get better unless Israel apologizes, pays compensation and lifts the embargo. (NOTE: MFA has always identified only two conditions for normalization of relations with Israel: an apology and compensation. END NOTE.) Henceforth, we have several steps to take. The families have many steps to take."

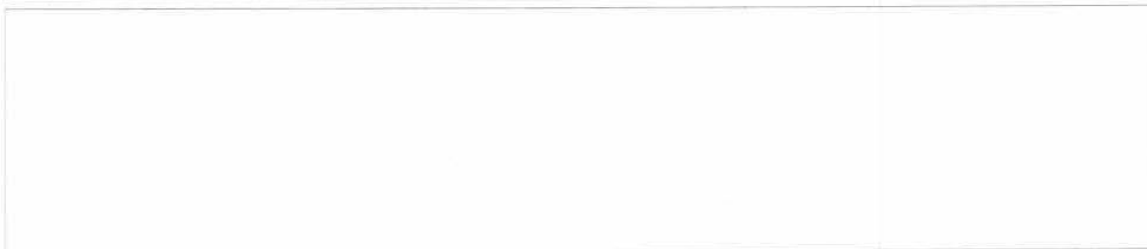
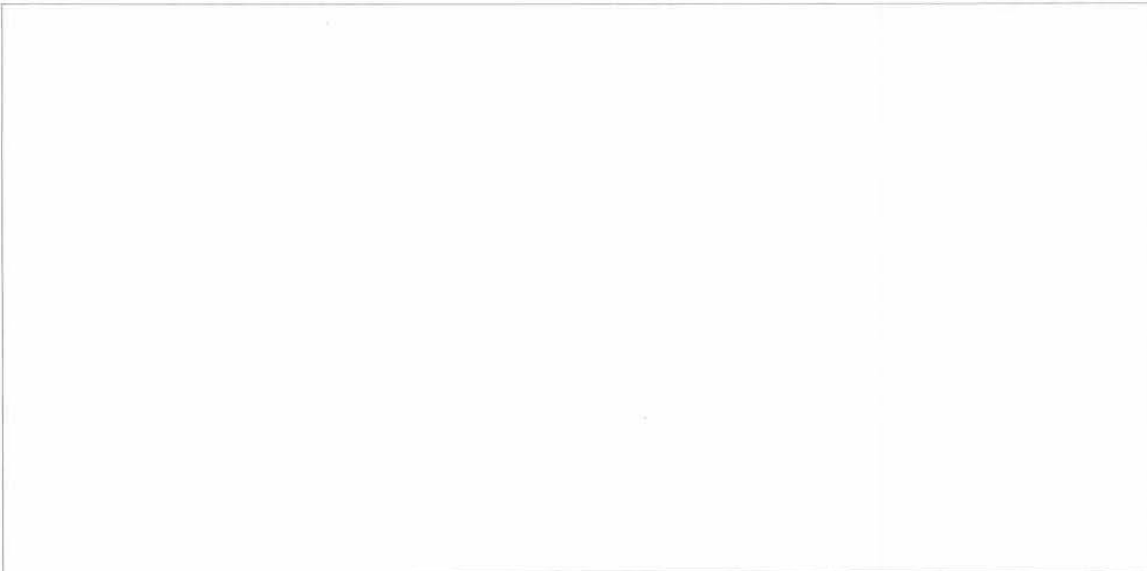
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Subject: Israel-Turkey: Netanyahu Does Not Apologize, GOI Planning to Withdraw Diplomats

1. (S/NF) Summary: On September 4, PM Netanyahu "reiterated regret over loss of life" during the May 2010 Mavi Marmara interception, but said Israel does not need to apologize for defending itself. The GOI told us September 5 and 6 that:



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PM Netanyahu's Public Remarks

2. (U) At the start of the September 4 weekly cabinet meeting, Prime

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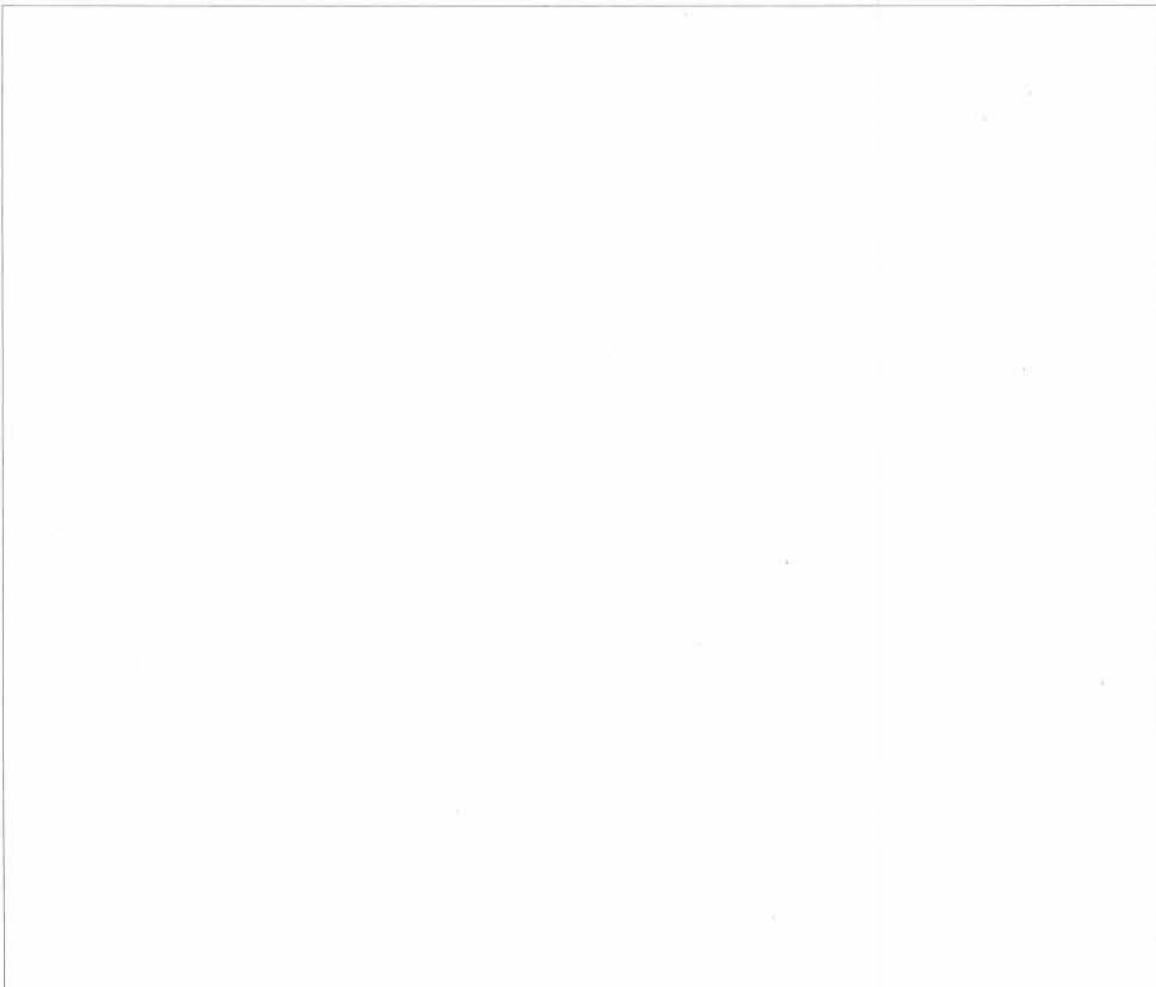
Minister Netanyahu said:

-- The Palmer Report determined "unequivocally" that Israel acted in accordance with international law during the May 2010 Mavi Marmara events.

-- The report determined Israel has the right of self-defense. "We need not apologize" for commandos defending themselves against "violent IHH activists," or for acting to stop weapons smuggling to Hamas.

-- "I reiterate the State of Israel expresses regret over the loss of life. I also hope that a way will be found to overcome the disagreement with Turkey." Israel never wanted a deterioration in relations, and is not interested in one now.

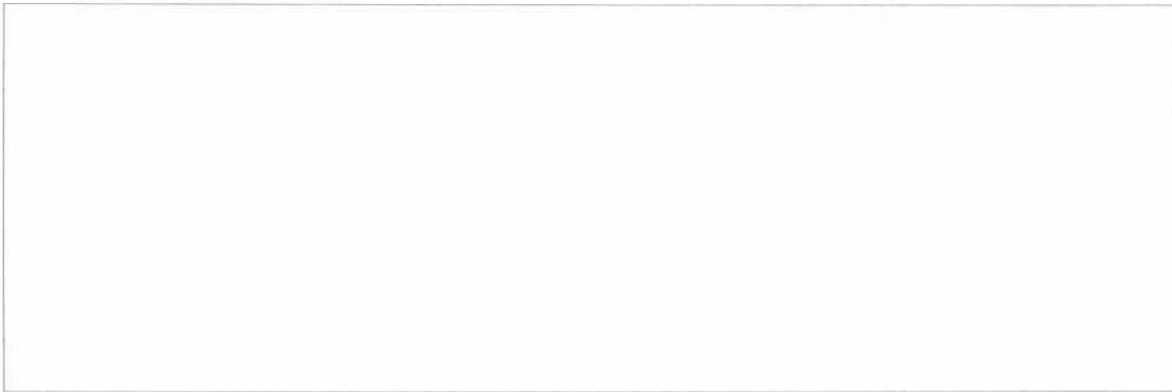
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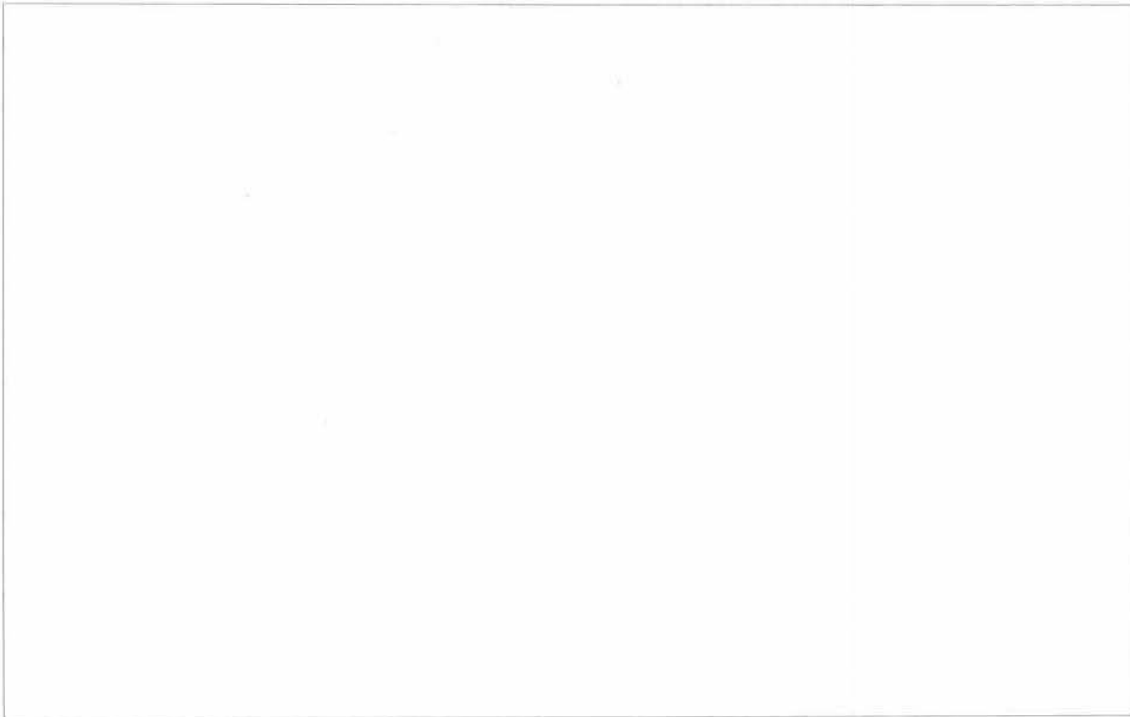
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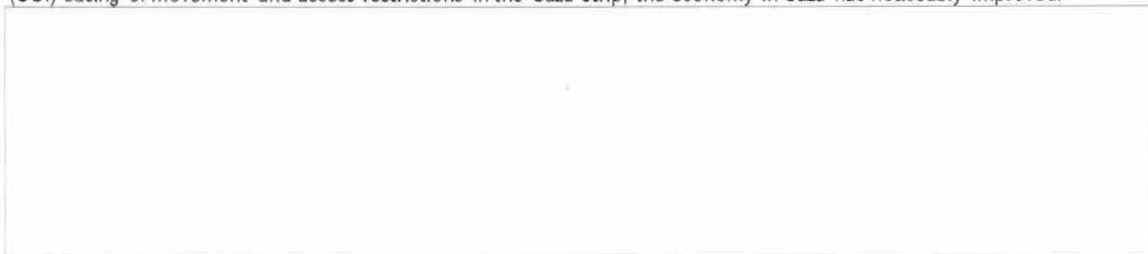
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1. (C) Summary: More than a year since the Gaza flotilla episode of May 2010 and the subsequent Government of Israel (GOI) easing of movement and access restrictions in the Gaza Strip, the economy in Gaza has noticeably improved.



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The Easing of Restrictions: Moving in the Right Direction

2. (C) Following the interdiction of the "Free Gaza" Flotilla by the Israeli navy on May 31, 2010, the GOI announced a Security Cabinet decision on June 20, 2010, to "liberalize" its crossings policy towards Gaza. The policy shift included publishing a "black" list of items prohibited entry into Gaza (publicly released on July 5; Ref A); permitting the entry of

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construction materials for projects implemented by the international community; expanding operations and increasing capacity at existing land crossings; and streamlining the policy for humanitarian and international staff movement through the Erez Crossing. [REDACTED]

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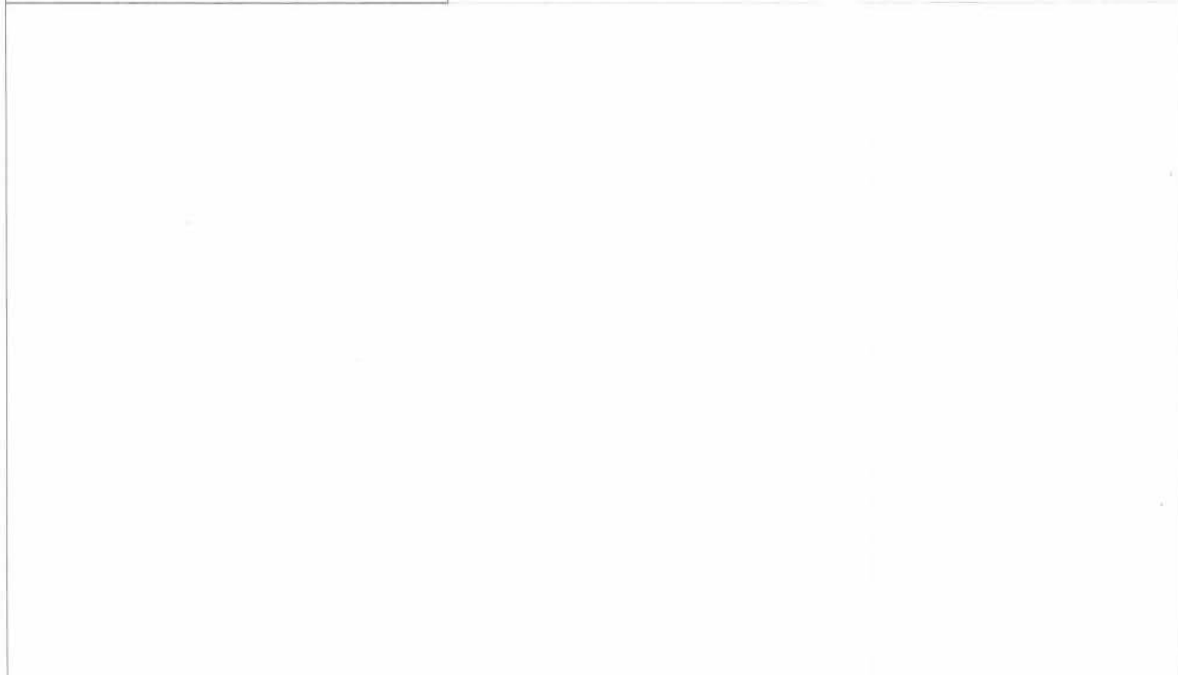
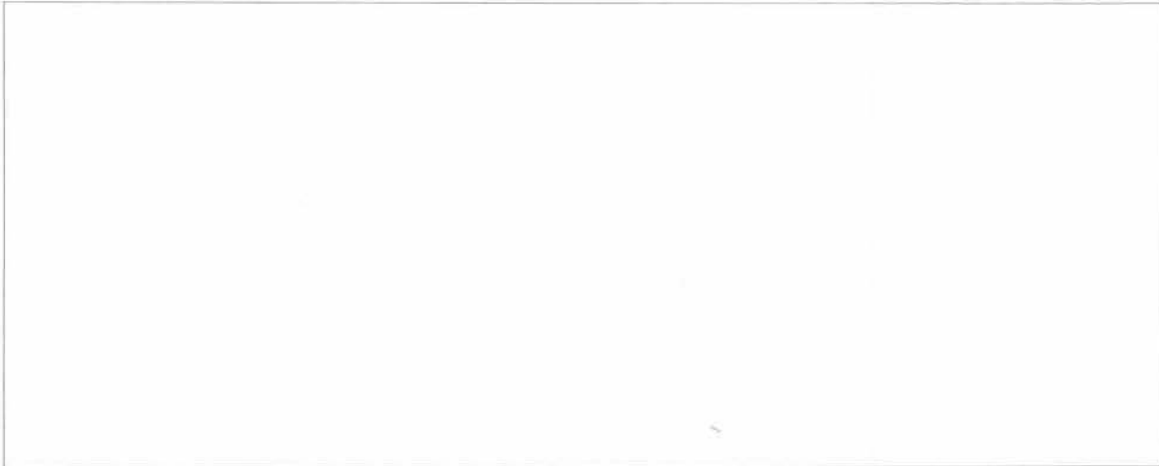
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1. (C) Summary: The September 9 press story that FM Lieberman is preparing a series of punitive steps towards Turkey – including issuing a travel advisory and opening talks with Kurdish opposition and Armenian expatriate groups – was described as “delusional” by an unnamed source in the PM’s office cited on Israel Radio. [Redacted]

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2. (U) Yediot Ahronot’s Shimon Shiffer, citing unnamed Foreign Ministry sources, wrote September 9 that Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman had directed the Foreign Ministry to build a “tool box” of diplomatic and defense measures with which to “punish the Turks.” Lieberman’s decision was purportedly based on an internal MFA assessment that no creative formula for an apology regarding the Mavi Marmara was possible and that an apology would only lead to further demands. Among the options under consideration are:

- The issuance of a travel advisory recommending Israeli citizens, particularly those with military service, to avoid travel to Turkey;
- Lieberman holding a meeting with the Armenian community in the U.S. to support recognition of the Armenian genocide. (Note: A bill was introduced into the Knesset in the last session which would also call for official recognition of the Ottoman genocide of the Armenians, but that bill has yet to emerge from committee. End Note.)
- Israeli support for Armenian claims to Mount Ararat;
- Israeli support for Kurdish independence, including meeting with Kurdish organizations in Europe, for the purpose of “cooperating with them and strengthening them in every way imaginable;” and
- An Israeli diplomatic campaign to rally international condemnation of Turkish treatment of ethnic minorities within Turkey.

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3. (U) Israel Radio cited September 9 an anonymous senior source within the Prime Minister's Office that Lieberman's purported ideas are "a foolproof recipe for destroying Israel's foreign relations." The source described Lieberman's approach to Israel Radio as "scandalous" and "delusional." The source continued by saying the proposal would "never" make it to Israel's inner cabinet and, even if it did, "it will not pass."



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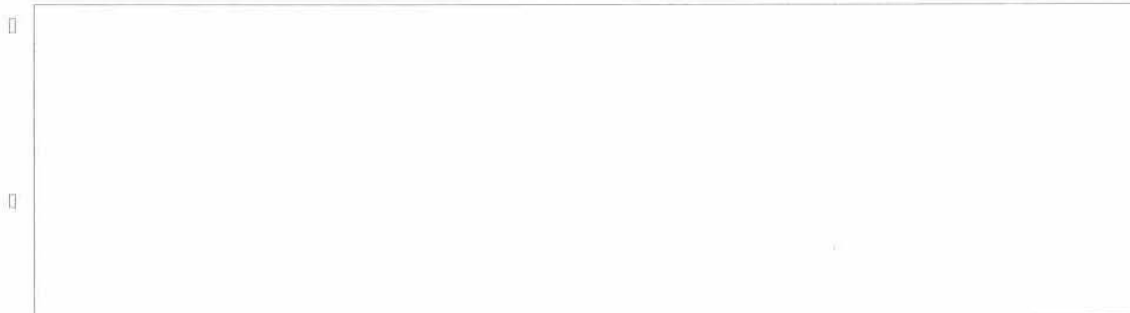
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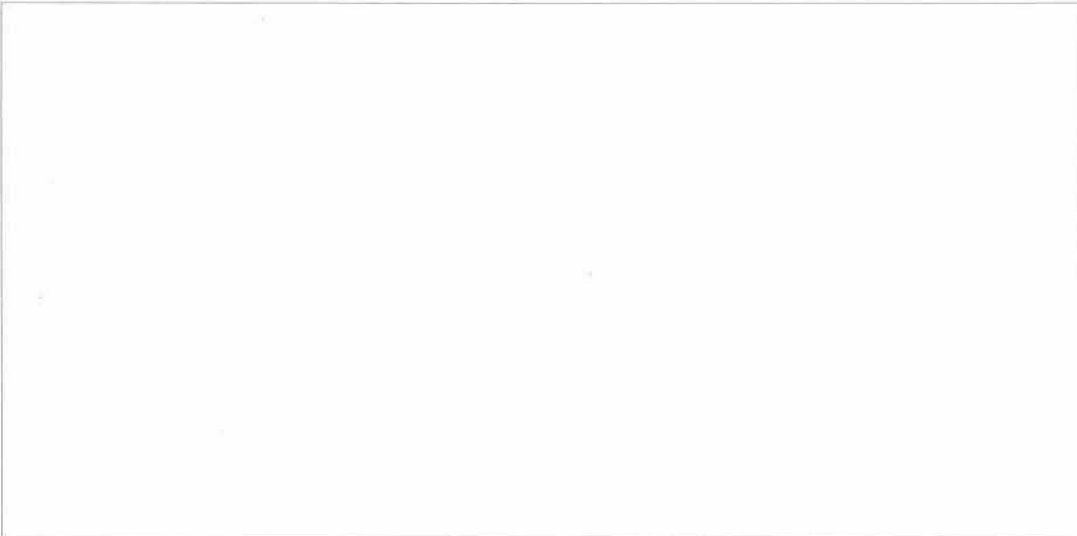
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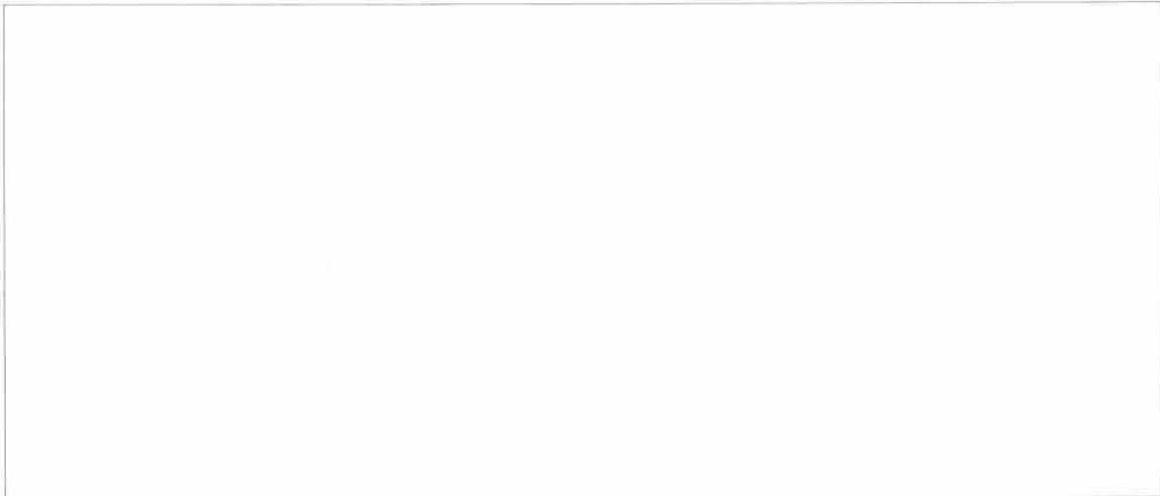
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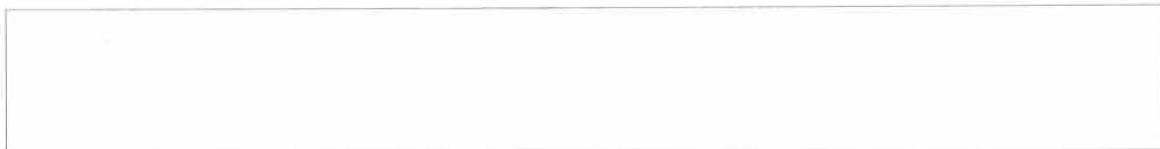
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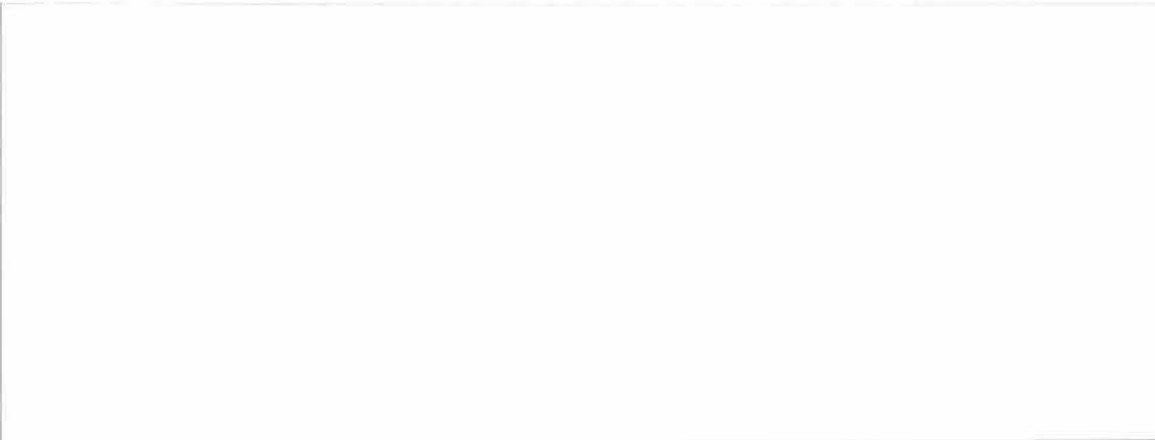
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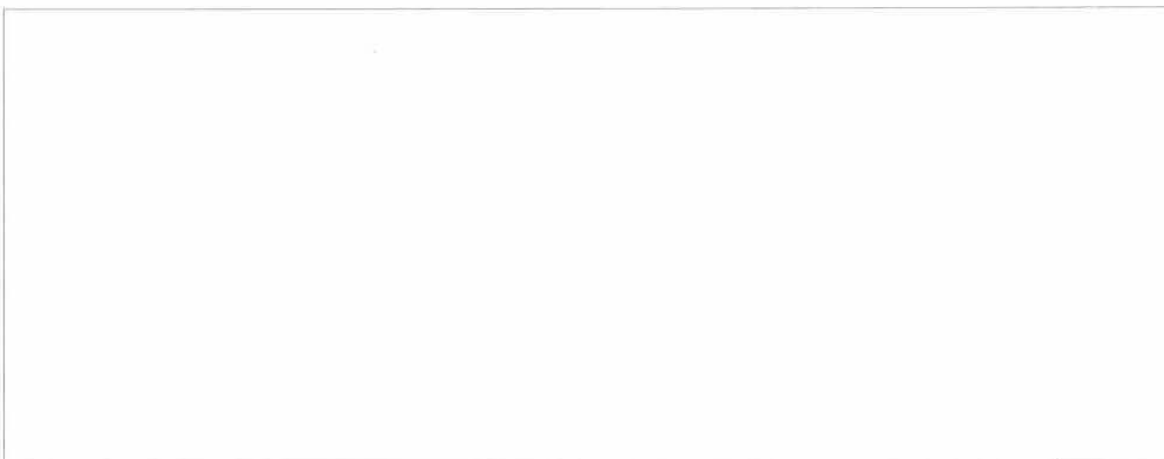
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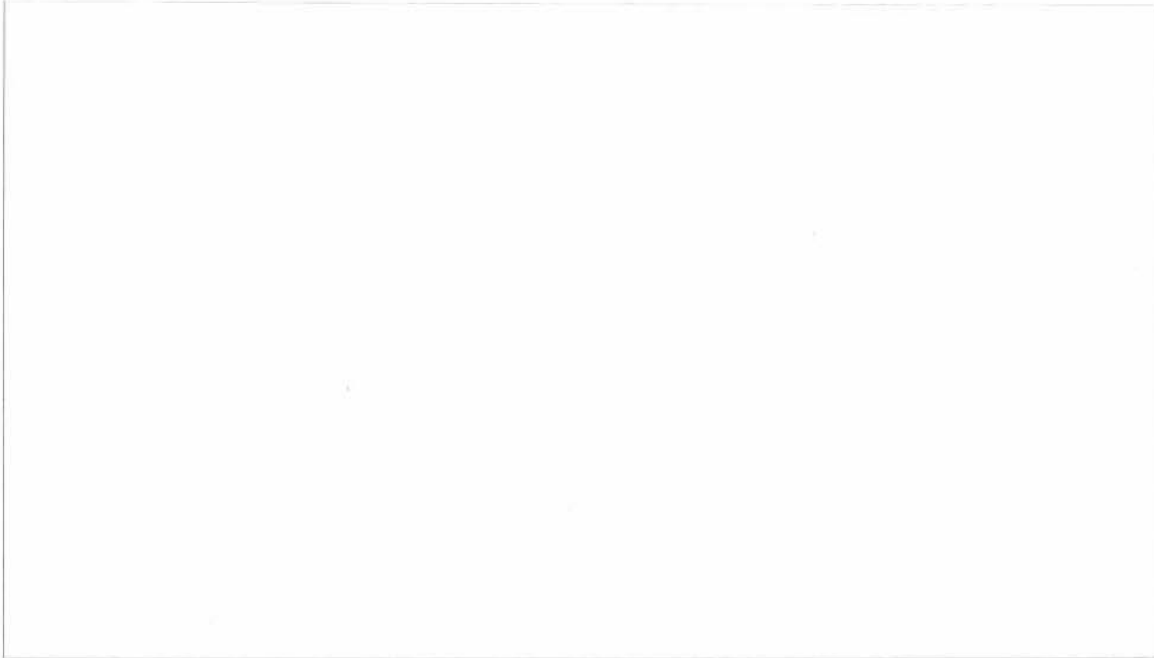


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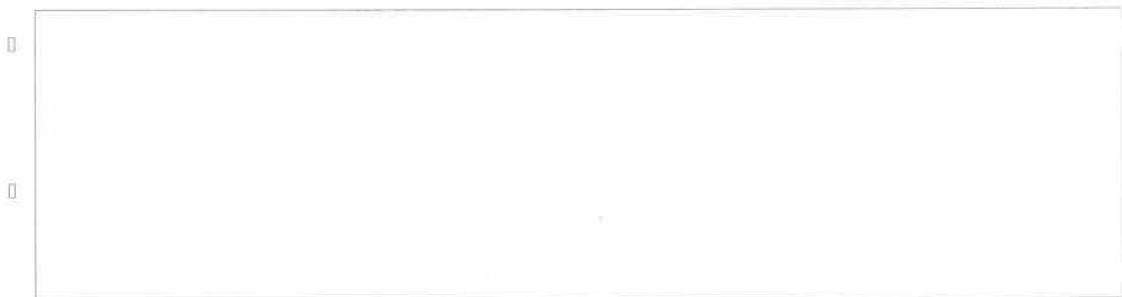
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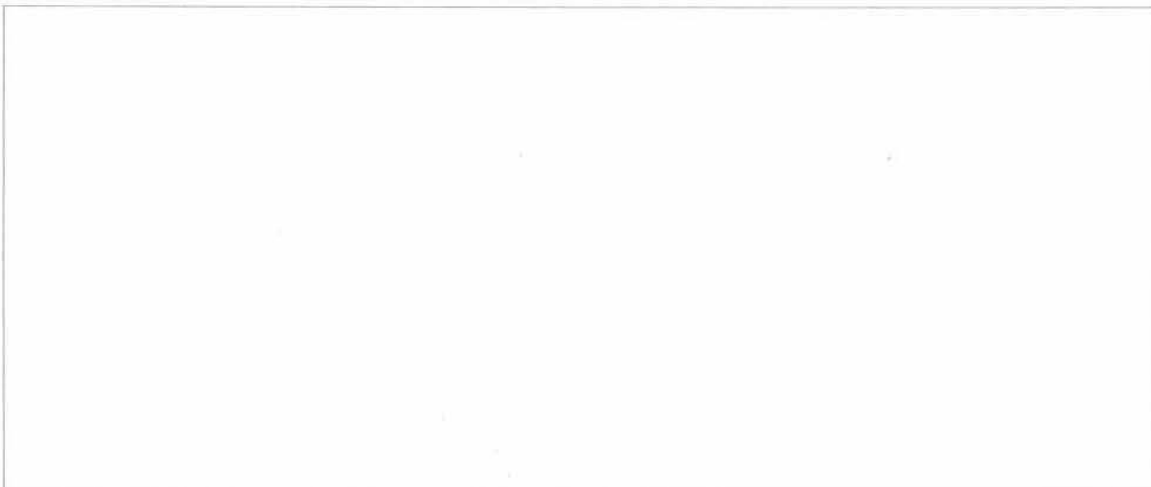
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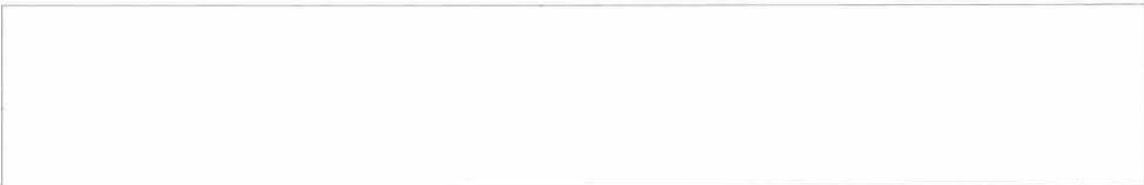
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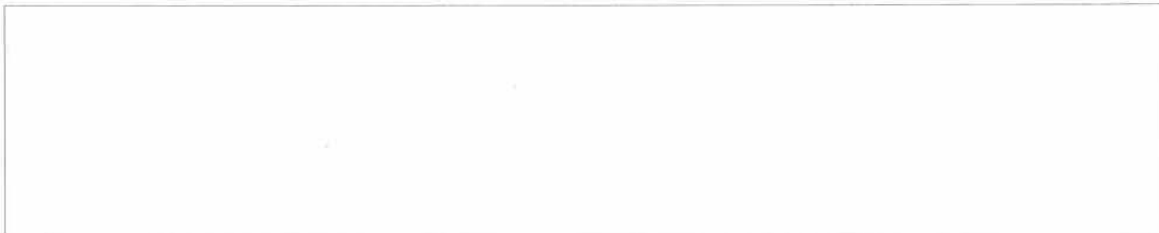
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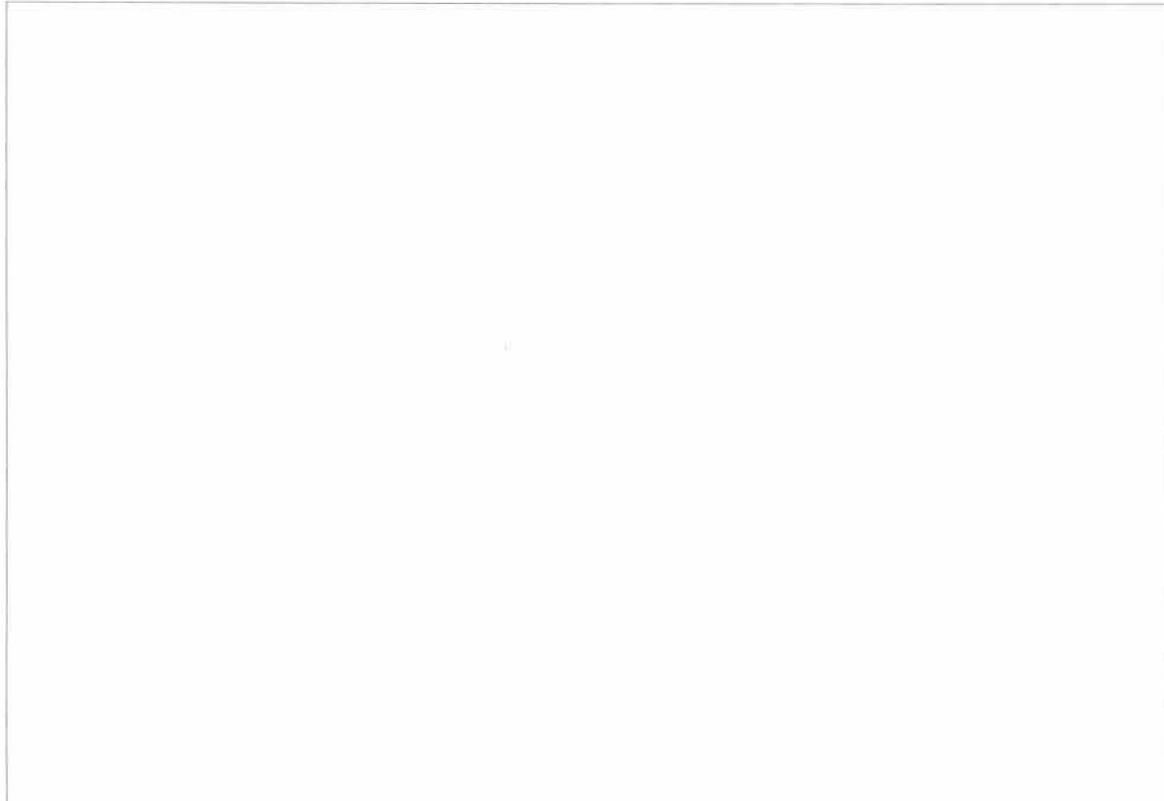
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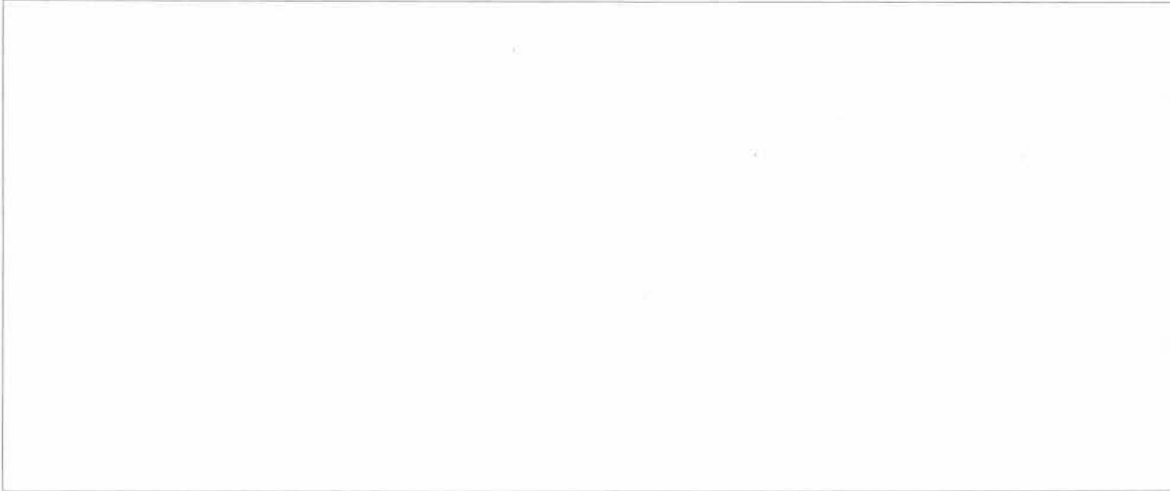
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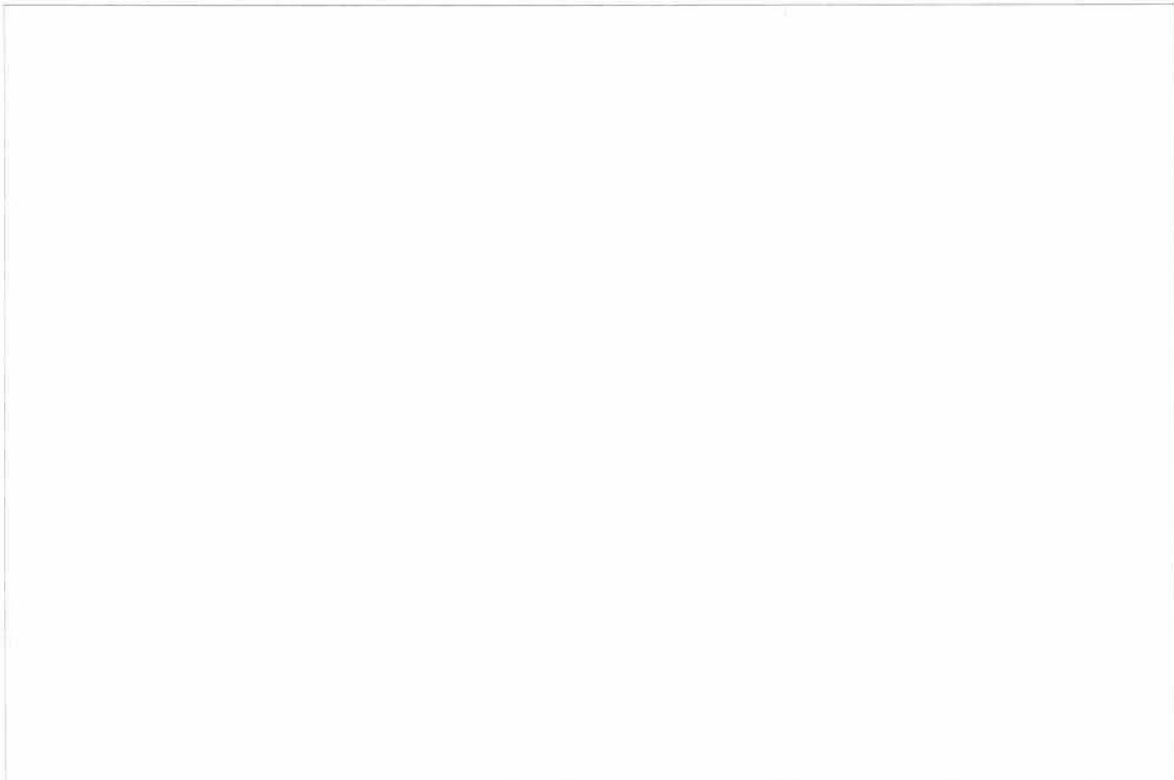
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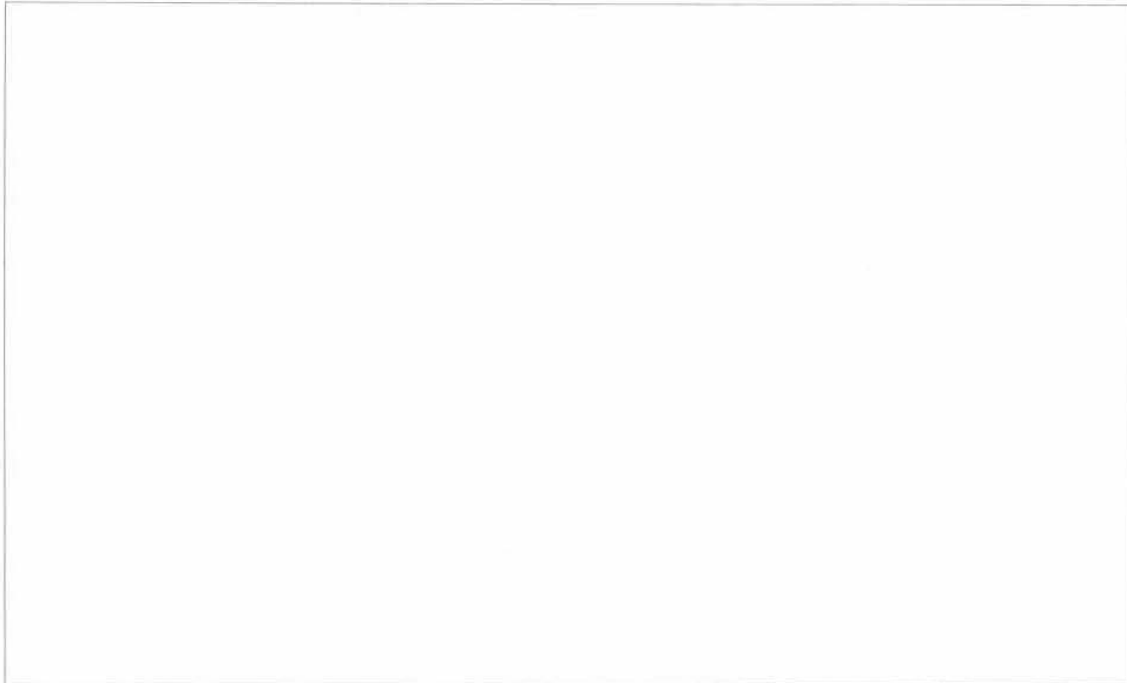
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1. (SBU) Summary: During a September 27 meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan, Representative Dan Burton and his five-member delegation conveyed their concerns about the current state of Israeli-Turkish relations and noted it was important for the two countries and the security of the region to resume their traditionally strong ties of friendship.

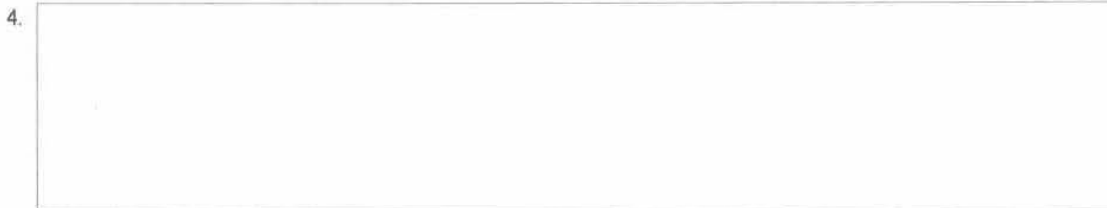


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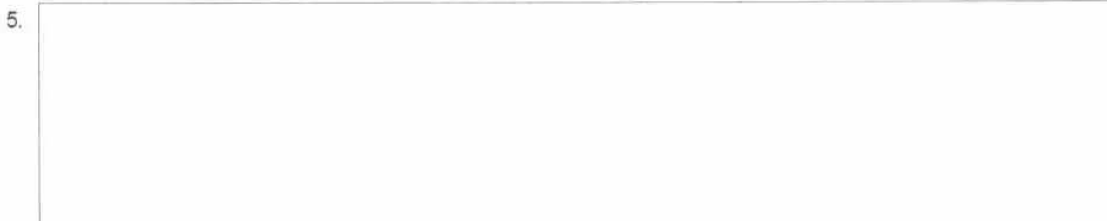


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Babacan said that relations have deteriorated in stages ever since. Against this backdrop, the Mavi Marmara crisis was a real trauma for the government in Ankara. Babacan said that the death of the 9 Turks was the first time Turkish civilians had been killed by foreign military since the First World War. Babacan said that Turkey has tried to be reasonable with Israel, asking for the minimum possible response from Israel, and pursuing 4 different attempts to negotiate a resolution, only to have these attempts fail at the highest levels in the Israeli Government at the last moment. Babacan said that the Turkish Government feels like the current Israeli Government has decided to give it a hard time, although Turkey would still like to normalize relations. Babacan stressed that Turkey must answer its public, which is outraged by the Israeli killings. He also stressed that it is important that Israel feel some consequence for its actions, lest it decide that it can do more against Turkey in the future, unconstrained by international law. This which would exacerbate security concerns in the region.

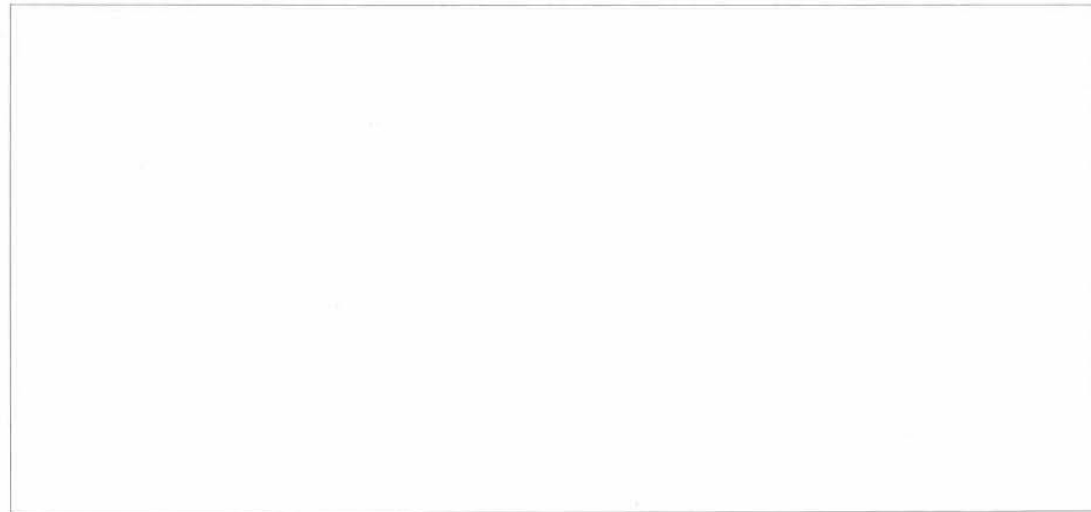
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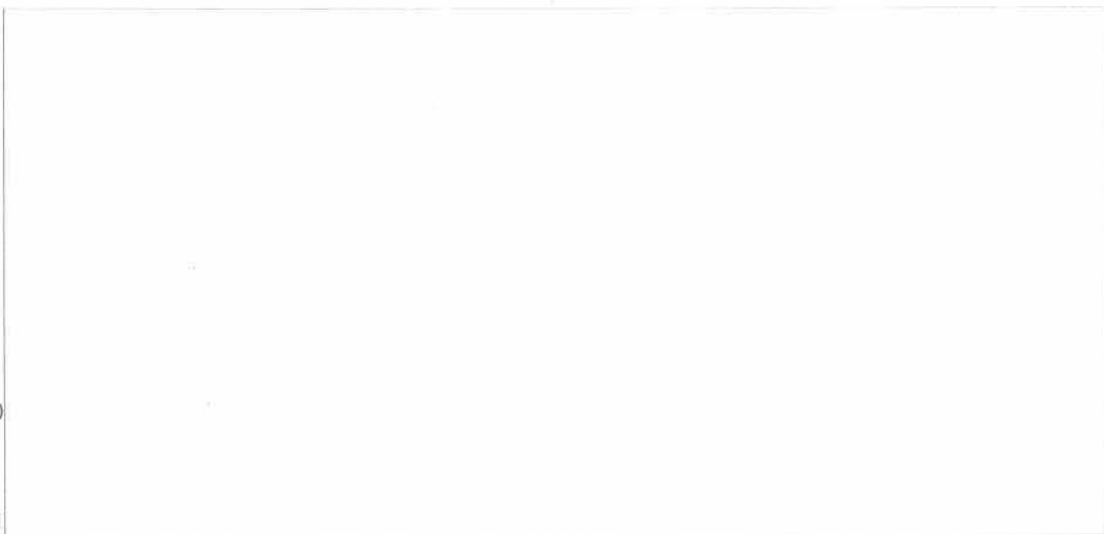


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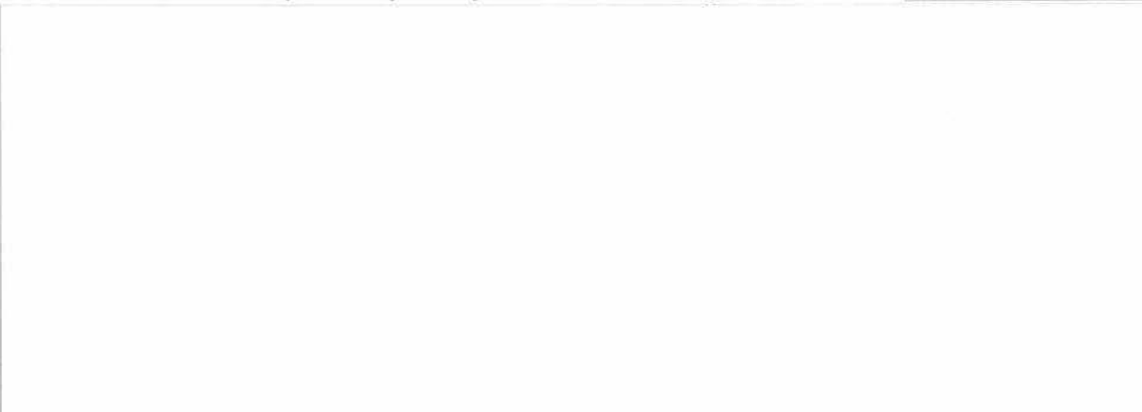


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1. (SBU) **Summary**: Against a backdrop of a society built on a firmly secular foundation, and in which religion has played a far distant second to ethnicity in defining identity, a public debate on the role of Islam in society and state, prompted by recent political decisions on matters of interest to the Islamic community, has captured political, media and public attention.

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Kosovo's Secular Identity Shaken in Public Debate on Islam and Society



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6. (SBU) **Activist Forces:** [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Now led by religious activist Fuad Ramiqi, known most recently for his participation in the 2010 Gaza Flotilla (ref:tel), "Unite" has become known for its "prayer protests"—focused most recently on securing a central Pristina location for a new mosque. [Redacted]

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7. (SBU) **Moderate Forces:** [Redacted]

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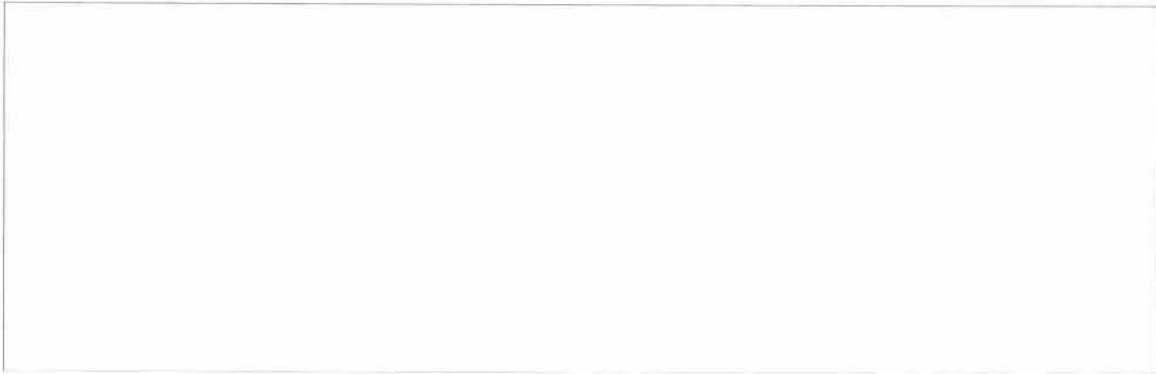
1. (SBU) Your first visit to Israel as Deputy Secretary of State comes at a critical point in our efforts to promote the peace process and a two-state solution.

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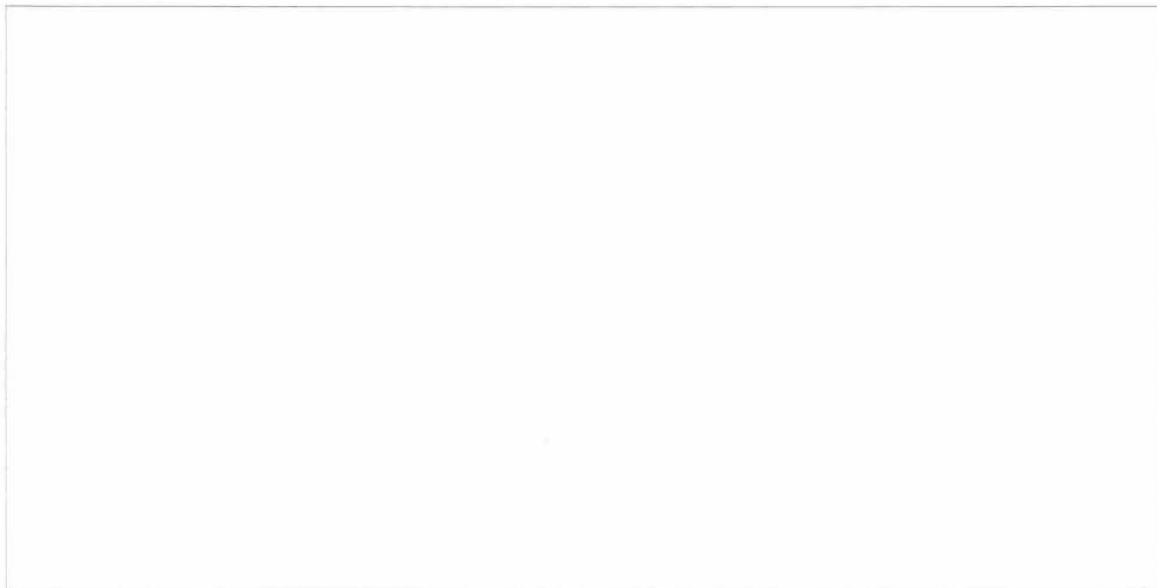


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6. (SBU) Israel's other relationships in the region are also strained. Turkey, its traditional non-Arab ally in the region, downgraded diplomatic relations in September following failed efforts to reach an agreement involving an Israeli apology for operational mistakes made in the Mavi Marmara incident of May 2010.



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From: Bijanki, Ashwin
Sent: 9/23/2011 11:11:16 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP04
Subject: AKP's Voters Highly Approve of AKP Foreign Policy
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: AKP's Voters Highly Approve of AKP Foreign Policy

1. (C) **SUMMARY and COMMENT:** A polling company contracted by the Justice and Development Party (AKP) reports foreign policy has emerged over the last two years as the policy issue that receives the highest approval rating from AKP voters. Previously, AKP voters gave their highest approval to the party's performance on domestic issues like the economy, healthcare, education, transportation, and democratization.

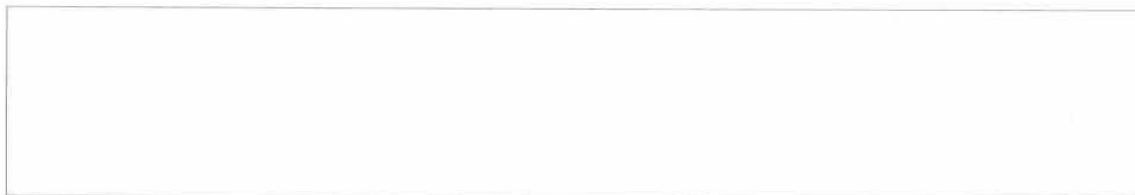
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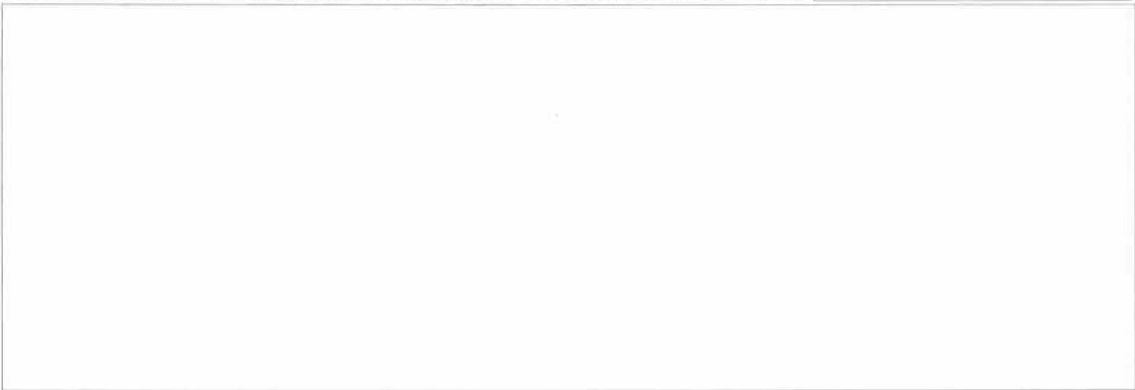


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Subject: Greece: CODEL Burton Discusses Fiscal Crisis, Cyprus Tensions, and More

1. (C) SUMMARY. Representative Dan Burton, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, led a delegation to Athens September 24-27, [redacted]

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Central Bank Governor George Provopoulos

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Alternate Foreign Minister Mariliza Xenogiannakopoulou

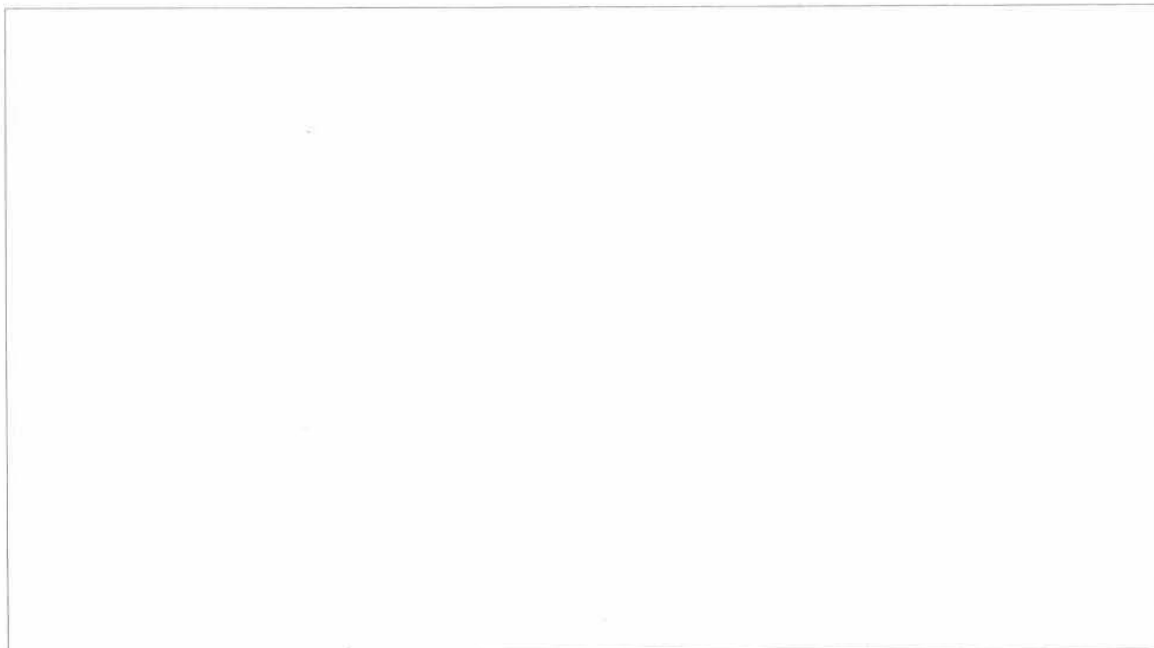
5. (C) Alternate Foreign Minister Mariliza Xenogiannakopoulou (FM Lambrinidis was traveling in the United States) expressed appreciation for U.S. support for Greece during its economic crisis. [REDACTED]

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Minister of Defense Panos Beglitis



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9. (U) CODEL Burton consisted of:

- Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN), Chairman, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA), House Ways and Means Committee
- Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), House Committee on Education and the Workforce
- Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN); (Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture)
- Rep. Steve King (R-IA), House Committee on Small Business

10. (U) CODEL Burton did not have an opportunity to clear this message.

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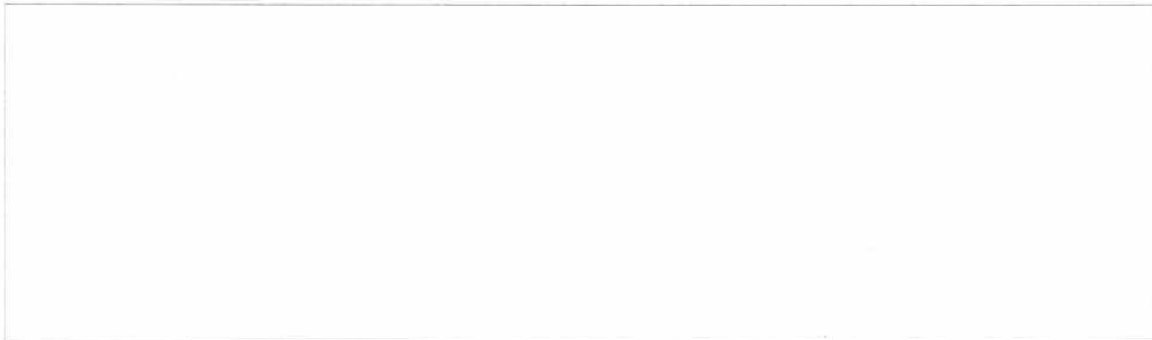
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E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, OREP, TU
Captions: SENSITIVE
Subject: Scen setter for CODEL Roe Visit to Turkey

1. (SBU) Welcome to Turkey. Your trip comes just after the President's meeting in New York with Prime Minister Erdogan, which reaffirmed the close ties and broadly shared vision within which the United States and Turkey manage complex challenges from different perspectives.



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Domestic Context



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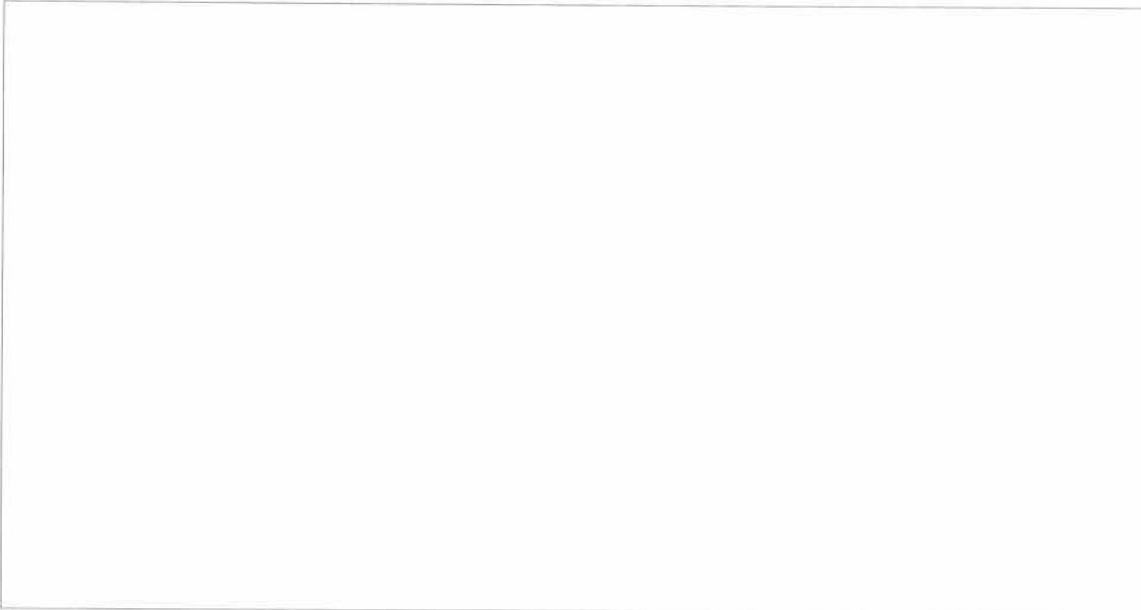
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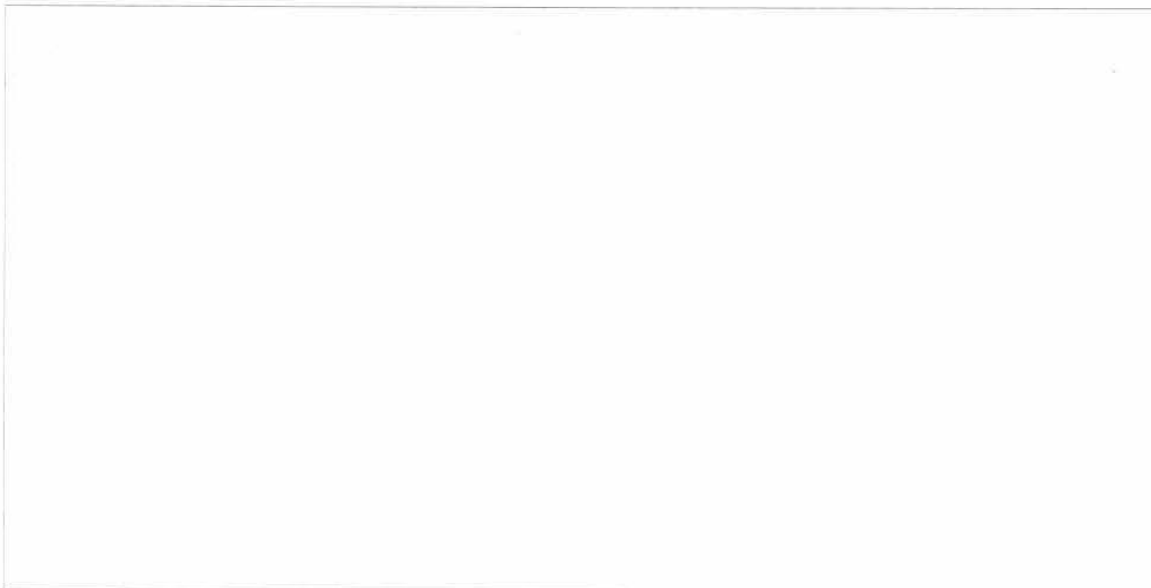
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Arab Spring, Regional Cooperation



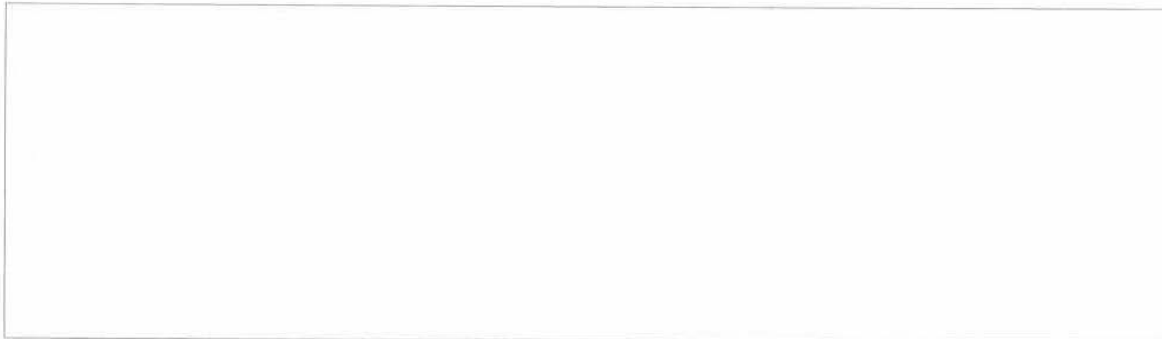
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Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan



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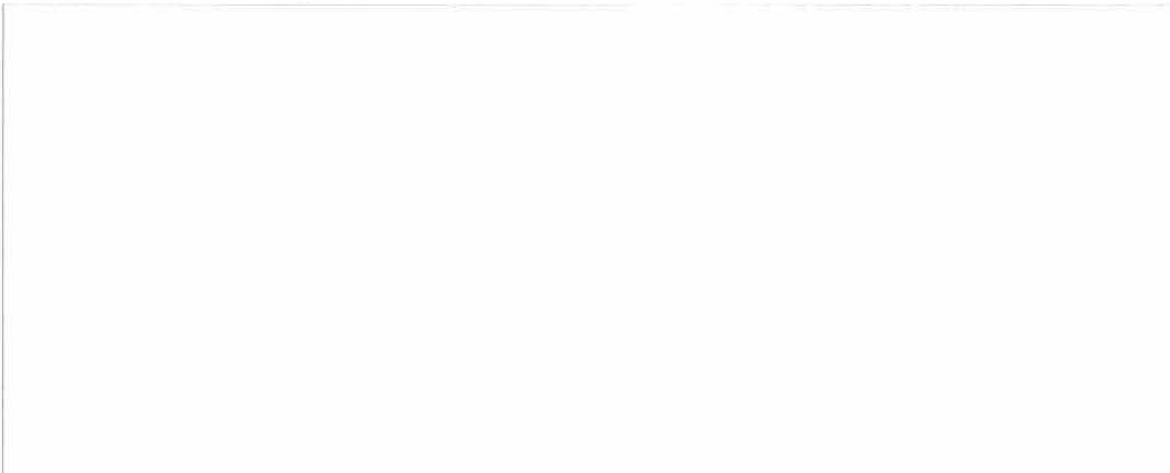


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Israel

8. (SBU) On May 31, 2010, a flotilla of ships, organized in part by a Turkish NGO, IHH, departed Turkey with the goal of breaking Israel's blockade of Gaza. Israel Defense Force (IDF) commandos fast-roped from helicopters onto the flagship, the Mavi Marmara, and immediately encountered violence from the passengers. The commandos responded with deadly force, killing eight Turks and one Turkish-American. The incident has gravely strained Turkish-Israeli relations. A several-months-long low-profile effort by senior Turkish and Israeli diplomats to hammer out an apology/compensation formula failed in early September, as the UN's Palmer Commission released a report that upheld the legality of the blockade and determined that the Government of Israel had used excessive and unreasonable force. Turkey has responded by (1) down-grading diplomatic relations, (2) suspending all military agreements, (3) declaring it will take measures to ensure the freedom of navigation in the eastern Mediterranean, (4) requesting that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) examine the legality of the Gaza blockade, and (5) supporting all flotilla victims in pursuing lawsuits against Israel. Turkey is also vocally advocating for the UN to recognize Palestinian statehood. Highly charged rhetoric from leaders on both sides has made rapprochement difficult, complicating our efforts to influence the course of the Arab Spring. We want them to put aside their dispute and work together with us in encouraging the Middle East towards democracy and prosperity.

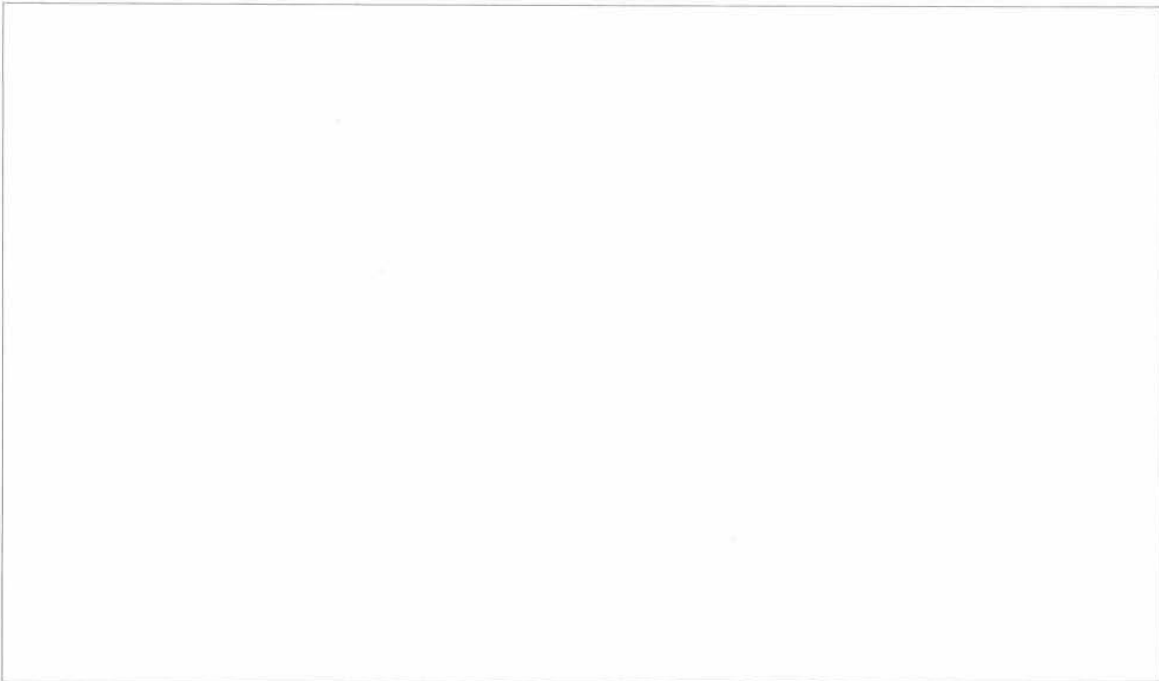
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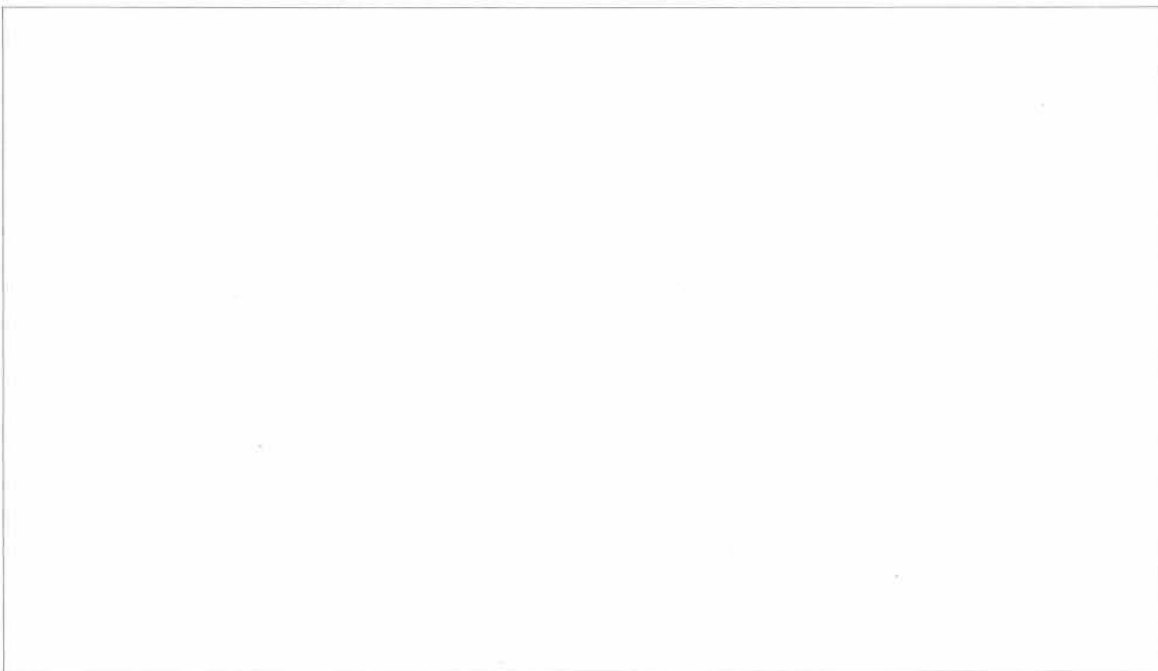
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Religious Minorities, Armenia



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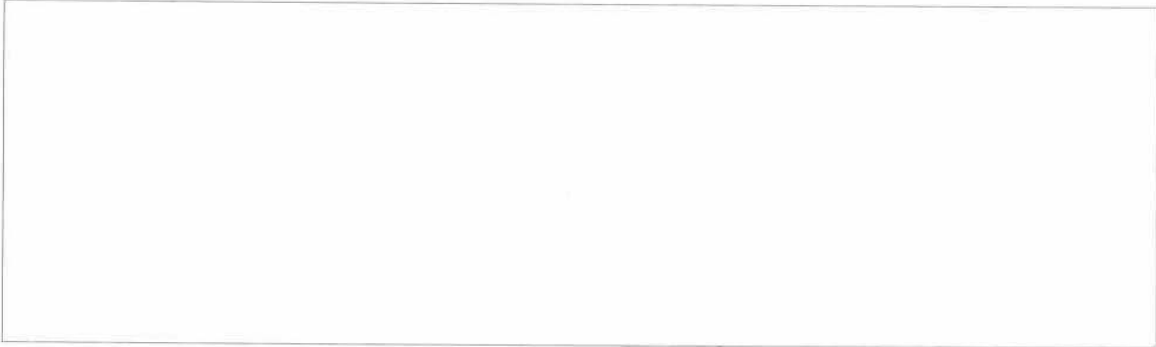
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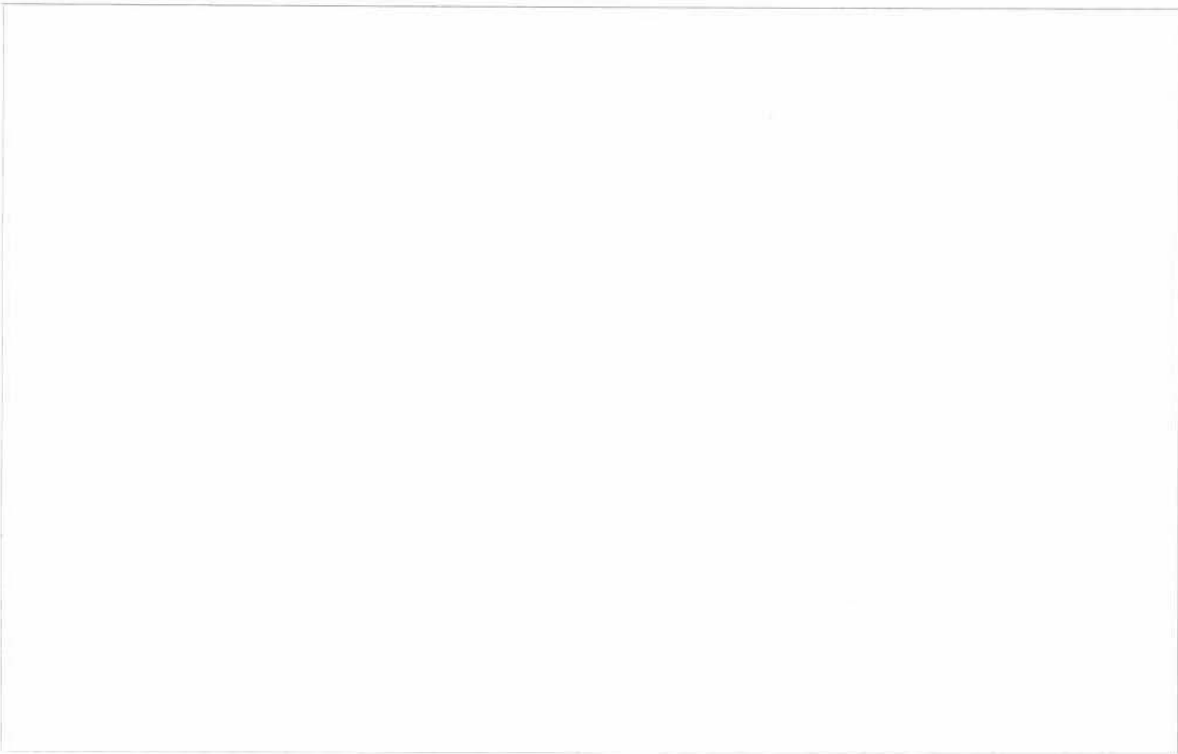
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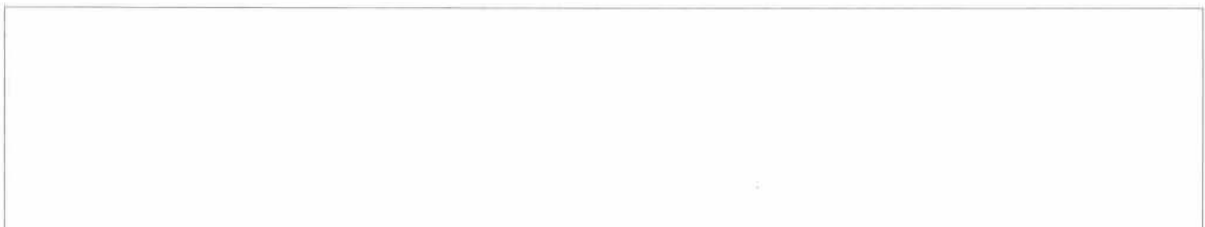
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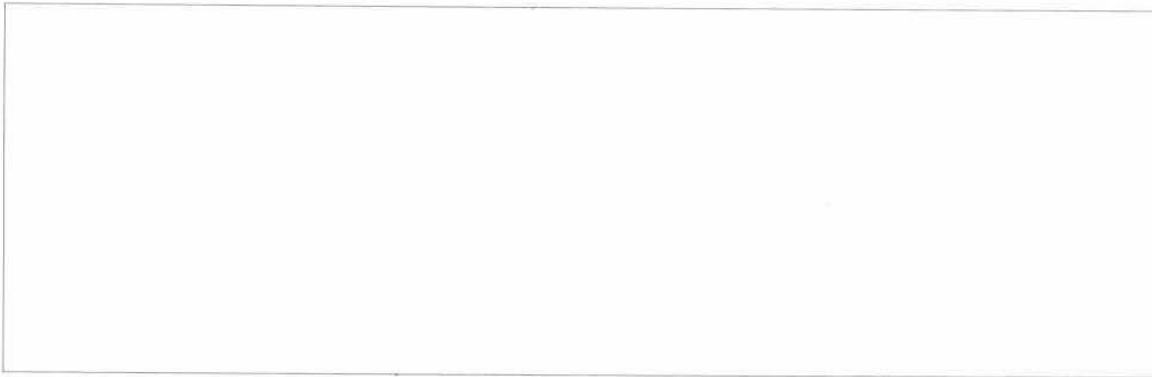
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Sent: 10/6/2011 5:48:20 AM
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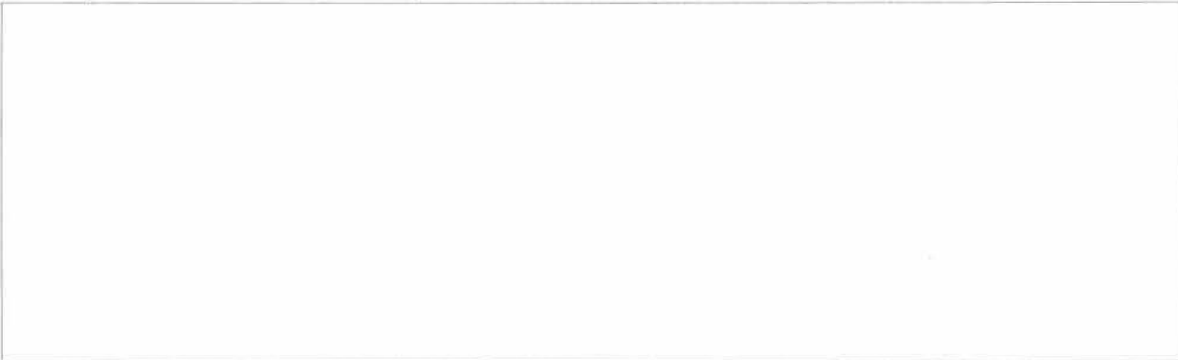
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Subject: IRELAND: A PARTNER FOR THE FUTURE

1. (C) SUMMARY: "Ireland and the U.S. have both done well out of our friendship," according to Pat Breen, the Chairman of the Irish parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

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EUROPEAN UNION FOREIGN POLICY - "A JOKE"

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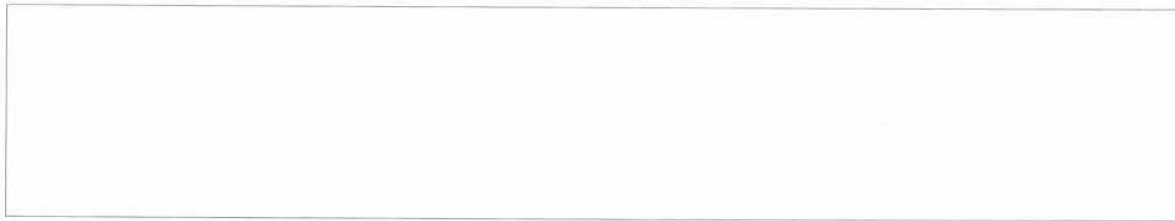
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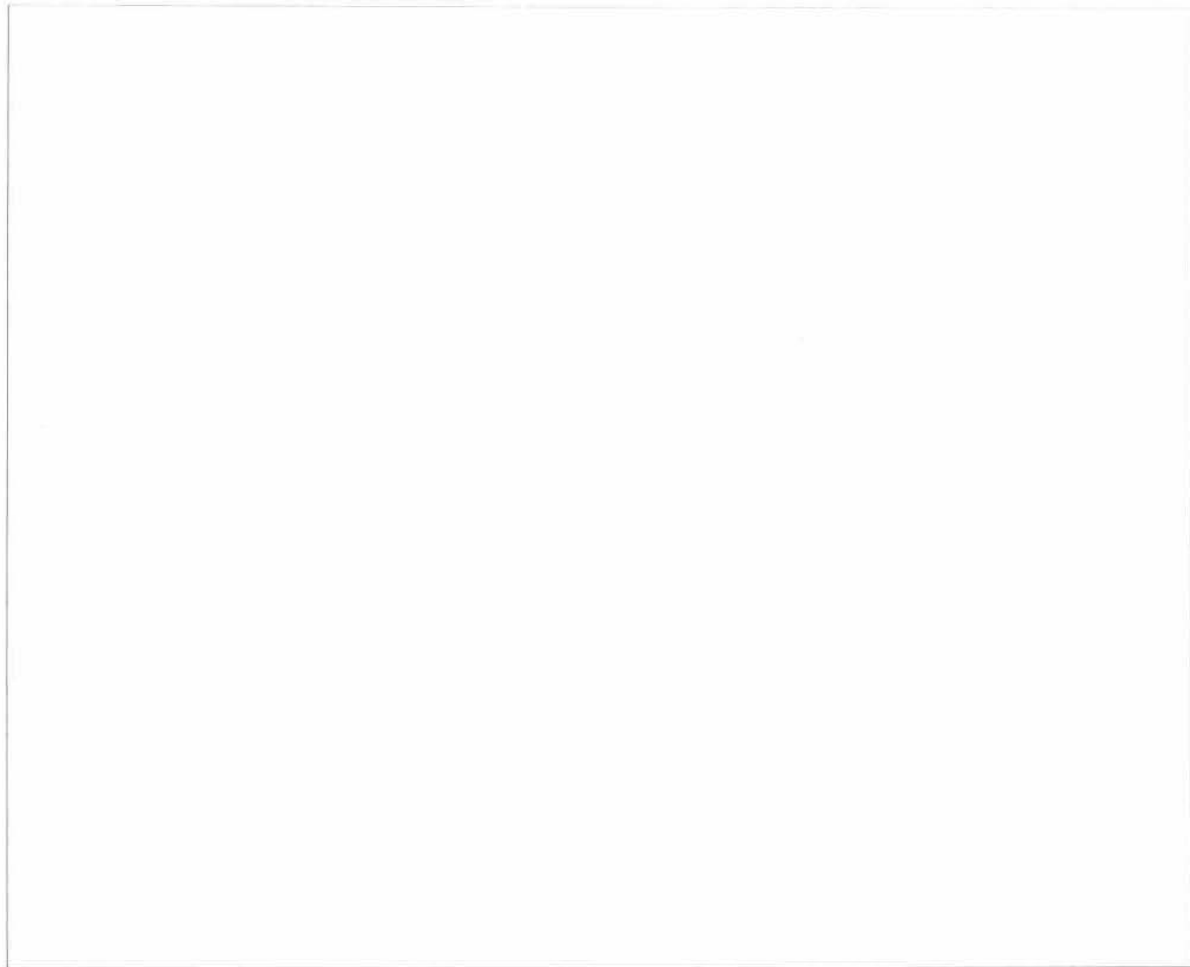
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SHARED BLOODLINES: U.S. -IRISH RELATIONS STRONGER NOW THAN EVER



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Subject: Turkish MOD Yilmaz Supports Strong Turkish - US Relationship

1. (C) SUMMARY: In a bilateral meeting between Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) Celeste Wallander and Turkish Minister of Defense Ismet Yilmaz on October 2, Yilmaz said that the U.S.-Turkey relationship is "strong"

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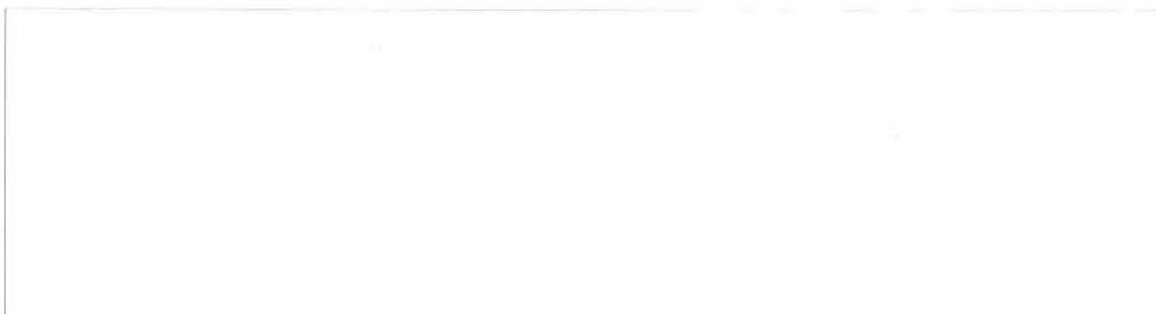
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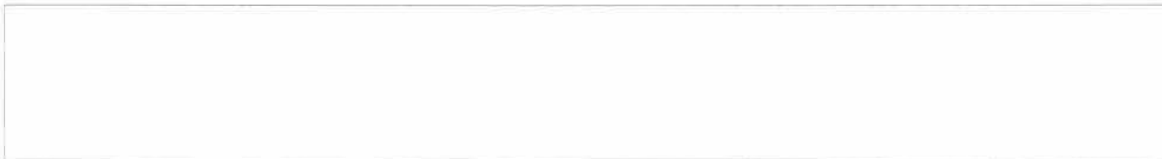


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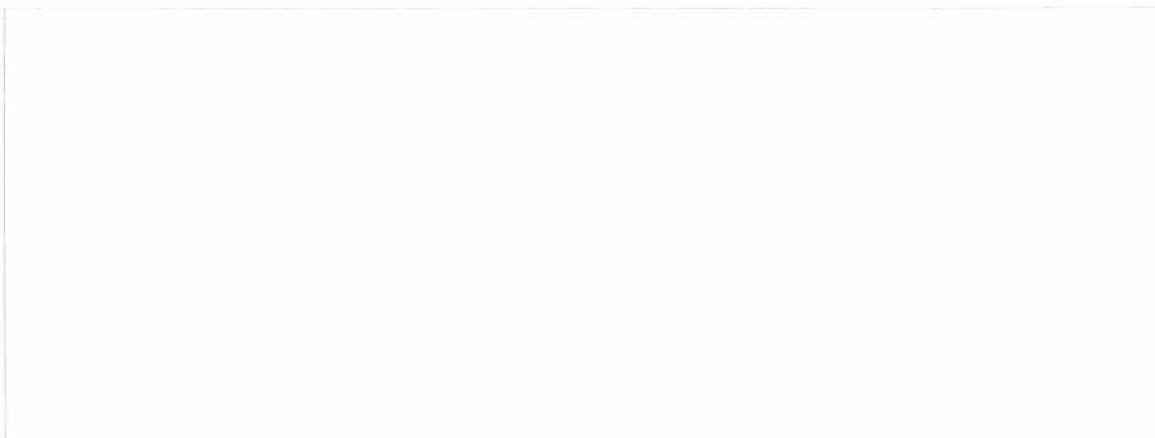


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11. (C) DASD Wallander cleared on this cable.

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Subject: President Gul Discusses Economy, Israel, Cyprus, Armenia,with CODEL Burton

1. (C) **SUMMARY:** During a friendly one-hour meeting September 27 with CODEL Burton, President Abdullah Gul reaffirmed the importance of U.S.-Turkey relations, especially growing economic and commercial ties.



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2. (U) Reps. Dan Burton, Virginia Foxx, Lynn Woolsey, Wally Herger, Steve King, and Collin Peterson met with President Abdullah Gul on September 27. The CODEL was accompanied by the Ambassador and PolCouns. Gul was joined by Huseyn Karslioglu, Chief of Cabinet for the Presidency; Zeynep Damla Gurel, Senior Advisor to the President on EU Affairs; Murat Ersoy, MFA DDG for the Americas; and Koray Ertas, incoming Chief of Cabinet for the Presidency.

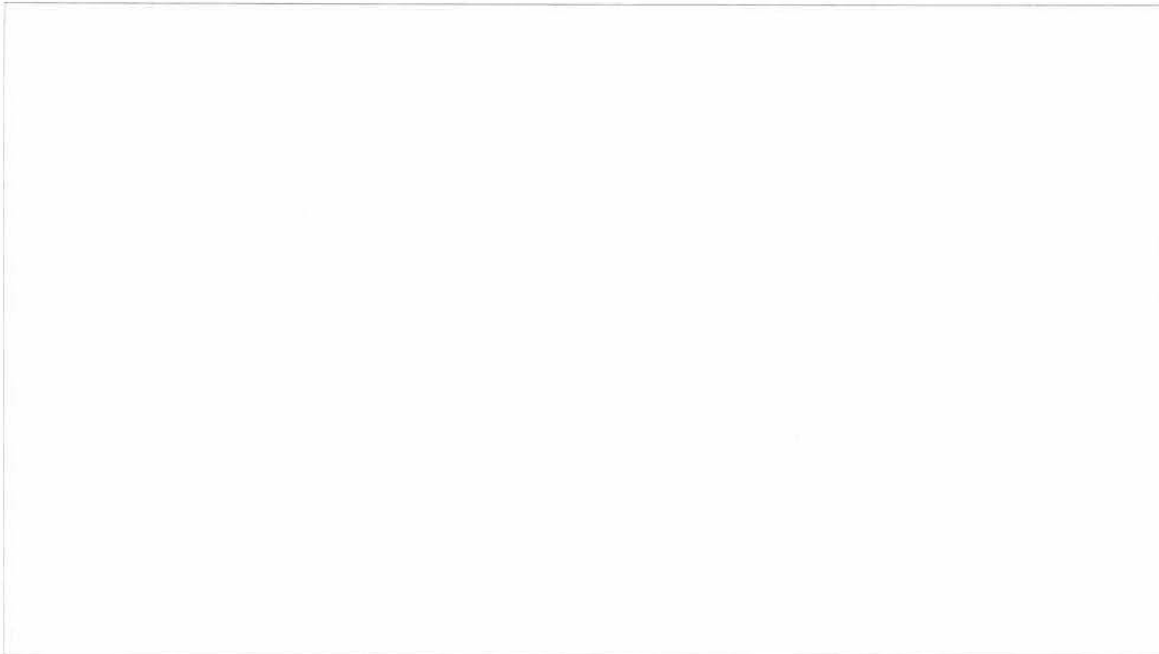
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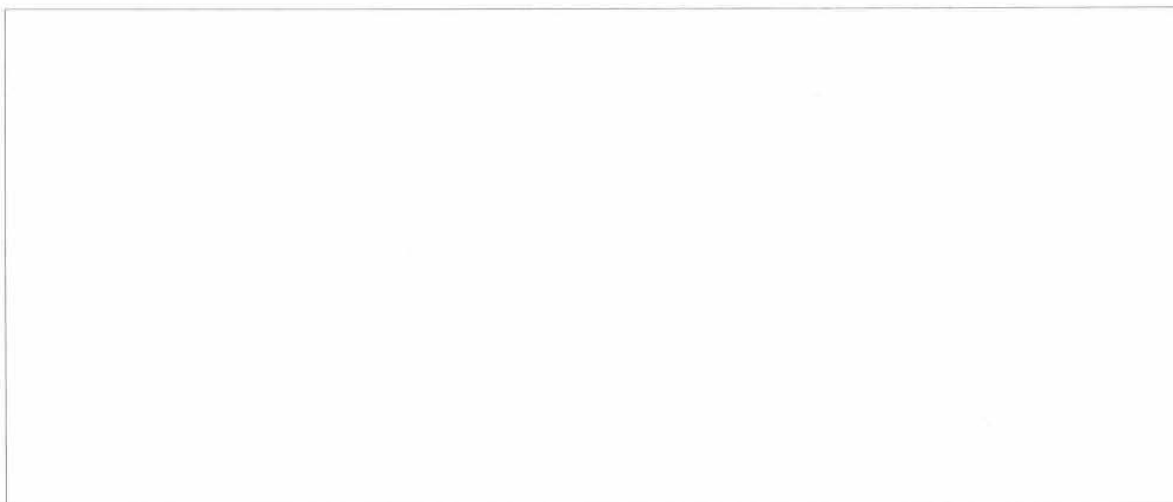
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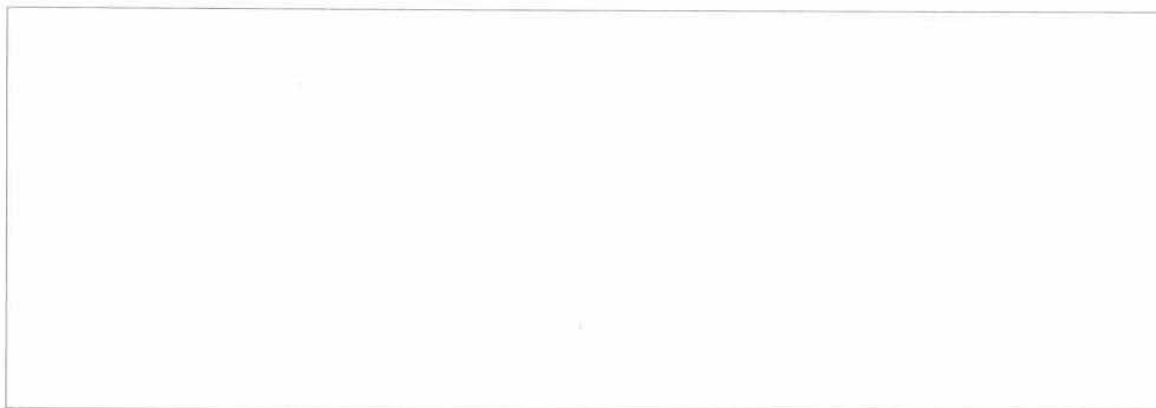


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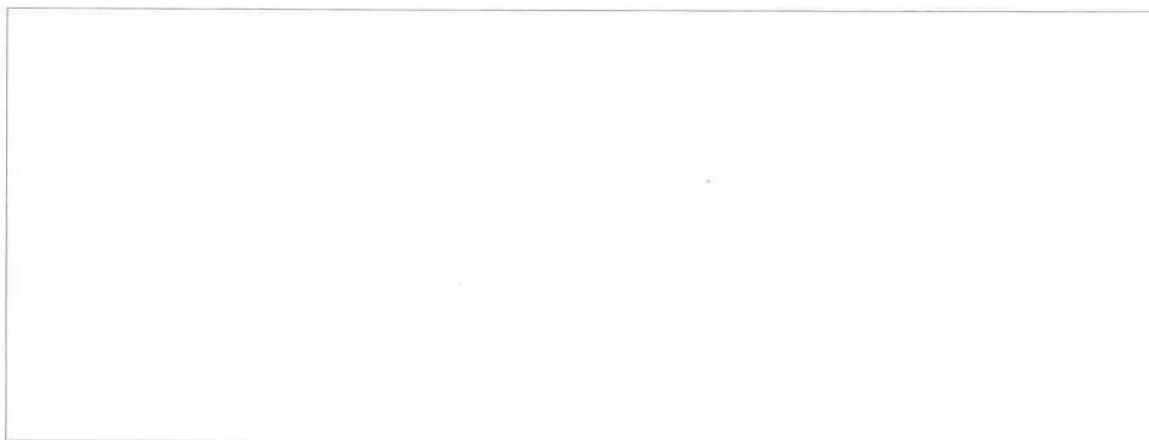
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Cyprus



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Armenian Protocols



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