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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMBASSY DISCUSSION OF IZQUIERDA
CRISTIANA CASES WITH GOC OFFICIALS

REF: SANTIAGO 4842 AND PREVIOUS TELCOMS

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY REPORT CONCERNING RECENT COURT DECISIONS IN IZQUIERDA CRISTIANA CASES. AS EMBASSY AWARE, THESE CASES HAVE BEEN RAISED TO A PUBLIC LEVEL BY SEVERAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES.
2. THEY ALSO HAVE SERIOUS POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILE'S IMAGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ULTIMATELY THE OUTLOOK FOR CERTIFICATION. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED RENEWED INQUIRIES AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM AMERICAS WATCH, THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF LATIN AMERICA (WOLA) AND THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WE WISH TO PROVIDE

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UPDATED INFORMATION TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED INQUIRERS AS THESE CASES PROGRESS THROUGH THE CHILEAN COURT SYSTEM.

3. GIVEN THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THESE

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CASES BOTH IN CHILE AND THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY CONTINUE TO MONITOR THEIR JUDICIAL EVOLUTION VERY CAREFULLY. WE WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY RAUL REYES WHO FACES MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVIL CHARGES. THIS WILL BE HELPFUL TO US IN PREPARING RESPONSES. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL ASSESSMENT REGARDING SERIOUSNESS OF ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTED TO THE INDIVIDUALS CHARGED AND OF HOW GOC REGARDS THESE CASES IN TERMS OF ITS VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

4. IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS OF THIS ISSUE, WE REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR RAISE THE STATUS OF THESE CASES WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL GOC OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT THE GOC FULLY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE AND SENSITIVITY THESE CASES HAVE FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS AND INTERESTED U.S. OBSERVERS AND THE IMPACT THEY COULD HAVE ON CHILE'S IMAGE AND, ULTIMATELY, THE CLIMATE FOR CERTIFICATION.
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