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SILENCE PROCEDURE: TUESDAY, 23 APRIL – 17.00Z

THE PRESIDENCY HEREBY CIRCULATES THE HOMS REPORT ON THE GUJARAT EVENTS, DRAWN UP IN NEW DELHI ON 17 APRIL 2002. THE REPORT CONTAINS PROPOSALS FOR TORS FOR A POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL DÉMARCHE.

A.- HOMS REPORT ON THE GUJARAT EVENTS

QUOTE

1. WITH INFORMATION GATHERED FROM REPORTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN (GOVERNMENTAL, QUASI GOVERNMENTAL LIKE THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE NATIONAL MINORITIES COMMISSION, AS WELL AS PRIVATE AND MEDIA SOURCES), FROM LOCAL AS WELL AS FOREIGN NGOS AND FROM FACT-FINDING TEAMS SENT TO GUJARAT FROM CERTAIN OF OUR OWN MISSIONS, WE CAN NOW PRESENT THE FOLLOWING:

- ON 27TH FEBRUARY AN ATTACK AT GODHRA ON A TRAIN CARRYING HINDU MILITANTS WHO WERE SUPPORTING THE BUILDING OF A TEMPLE IN AYODHYA. CAUSED 58 DEATHS AND SERVED AS A PRETEXT TO TRIGGER THE VIOLENCE THAT FOLLOWED.

- THE OFFICIAL NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE VIOLENCE WHICH FOLLOWED IS 850. BUT INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS PUTS THE REAL FIGURE AT AT LEAST 2000. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD RAPE OF MUSLIM WOMEN. VIOLENCE IS ONGOING:

- 140,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED AND THEIR HOMES AND/OR LIVELIHOODS DESTROYED; OVER 100,000 ARE MUSLIM. CONDITIONS IN REFUGEE CAMPS ARE EXTREMELY POOR;

- MUSLIM BUSINESSES, INCLUDING BUSINESSES PARTIALLY OWNED BY MUSLIMS, WERE SYSTEMATICALLY TARGETED AND DESTROYED. THIS

WAS FOLLOWED BY CALLS FOR AN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF MUSLIM OWNED BUSINESSES:

- THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S INITIAL COMPENSATION OFFER WAS DISCRIMINATORY: 200,000 RUPEES TO THE (HINDU) VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON THE TRAIN AT GODHRA; 100,000 RUPEES TO ALL OTHER (MAINLY MUSLIM) VICTIMS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW OFFERED A UNIFORM 50,000 RUPEES TO VICTIMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT;

- THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS CONDEMNED THE VIOLENCE AND ASKED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING THE VIOLENCE UNDER CONTROL. PRIME MINISTER VAJPAYEE VISITED GUJARAT ON 4 APRIL FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE VIOLENCE BEGAN.

POINTS A. 2, 3 and 4: REDACTED

POINT B.: REDACTED