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SUBJECT: OUR IPR OFFENSIVE

REFTEL: SANTO DOMINGO 2934 (NOTAL)

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1. SUMMARY: THE CHARGE REVIEWED IPR ISSUES WITH THE DOD IN THE PETITION FILED WITH USTR WHICH TARGETS DOMINICAN LIABILITIES IN COPYRIGHT ENFORCEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN ISSUED A PROPOSAL TO THE WTO TO EXTEND THE TRIPS TRANSITION PERIOD.

2. (U) ON JULY 21 THE CHARGE CALLED ON TO DISCUSS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES WITH THE DOD.

3. (U) OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY DESCRIBING HIS ANAHEIM WHEN HE OPENED HIS WANTED TO SEE A REPORT THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS JOINED WITH CUBA, EGYPT, AND HONDURAS IN A PROPOSAL TO THE WTO TO EXTEND THE TRIPS TRANSITION PERIOD BEYOND JANUARY 1, 2000.


5. (S) REMARKED THAT A DECREE ISSUED ON JULY 12 WHICH FORMULATES A DECISION TO MOVE THE NATIONAL COPYRIGHT OFFICE FROM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO THE SECRETARIAT WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE CHARGE AGREED, WHILE NOTING THAT THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH MORE THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE TO ENFORCEMENT OF PATENTS, THE CHARGE AGREED, WHILE NOTING THAT THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH MORE THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE TO ENFORCEMENT OF PATENTS.

6. (S) REMARKED THAT THE IPO PETITIONS COVER COPYRIGHT ISSUES ONLY. PATENT ISSUES -- AND PARTICULARLY PHARMACEUTICAL PATENTS -- WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. THE SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH (SEPSA) HAS BEEN SEEKING THE ISSUANCE OF THE SO-CALLED "REGISTRO SANITARIO" WHICH ALLOW THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IT IS PROGRESSING THEN I ISSUED THEM AGAIN AND OUR SOURCES REPORT THAT THEY ARE Issuing DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING THE MEANING OF THE "REGISTRO SANITARIO" WHICH ALLOW THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

7. (S) REMARKED THAT A DECREE ISSUED ON JULY 12 WHICH FORMULATES A DECISION TO MOVE THE NATIONAL COPYRIGHT OFFICE FROM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO THE SECRETARIAT WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE CHARGE AGREED, WHILE NOTING THAT THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH MORE THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE TO ENFORCEMENT OF PATENTS, ALTHOUGH THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH MORE THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE TO ENFORCEMENT OF PATENTS.

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