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1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. (C) SUMMARY. AS REPORTED SBPTEL, THE USG HAS
COMMENTED ON THE GODR'S DRAFT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAW,
NOTING THAT IN GENERAL IT REPRESENTS A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT
IN CURRENT LAW. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED BY RECENT
REPORTS FROM PHRMA, THE US-BASED PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH
AND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, THAT THE GODR IS USING
HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARGENTINE
PIRATE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. EMBASSY IS ASKED TO
PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ALTERNATIVE CONSULTANTS ON INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY ISSUES TO GODR OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

3. (C) PHRMA (THE PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION) RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THE GODR
IS REVIEWING COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY BILL. PHRMA IS CONCERNED WITH THE MANNER IN
WHICH THE GODR IS PROCEEDING. FOR EXAMPLE, IT REPORTS
THAT THE DRAFT LAW WAS PROVIDED TO AN AFFILIATED-COMPANY
ON JUNE 18 WITH A JUNE 28 DEADLINE FOR COMMENT.

4. (C) PHRMA REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE HAS ENTERED INTO SOME TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT WITH

ALL OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT LEGISLATION.
HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ALIFAR, THE
ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS THE ARGENTINE DOMESTIC
(PIRATE) PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. IN HIS COMMENTS,
OFTEN CITES THE BENEFITS OF DELAYING TRIPS-IMPLEMENTATION

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5. (SBU) IN THE PAST, WASHINGTON IPR AGENCIES HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIECA, A CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION ORGANIZATION, ON IMPROVING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION IN THAT REGION. THE GODR MIGHT BE BETTER SERVED BY CONSULTING WITH MARCO ANTONIO PALACIOS, OR IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE SILVIA SALAZAR, IN THE REVIEW OF ITS LAWS. THEY CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH SIECA: TEL 502-368-2151; FAX 502-368-1071.

6. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST. WASHINGTON AGENCIES BELIEVE THAT THE GODR COULD BENEFIT FROM A WIDER RANGE OF EXPERT ADVICE. IF POST AGREES, POST IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE 

NAME OF THE SIECA CONSULTANTS TO GODR OFFICIALS. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY REPORT ON THE GODR'S REACTION.

THANK YOU.
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