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Belgian response to U.S. demarche on Pakistani nuclear developement, agreeing to cooperate fully.

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- 1. ON NOVEMBER 10 THE CHARGE CALLED ON THE MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (SCHOUMAKER) AND MADE THE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED PEFTEL. THE CHARGE LEFT THE NON-PAPER WITH HIM AND DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE BACK-GROUND OF THE MATTER AND OUR REASONS FOR PARTICULAR CONCERN,
- SCHOUMAKER, WHO WAS LAST AMBASSADOR TO PEKING AND KNOWS ASIA FROM LONG EXPERIENCE, ENDORSED OUR REASONS FUR CONCERN RE PAKISTAN. HE SAID HE HAD NO DUUBT THAT BHUTTO, A DEMAGUGUE, HAD SET HIS SIGHTS ON A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY FOR WHAT HE SET IN MUTION THERE WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE SCRAPPED VOLUNTARILY, SCHOUMAKER SAID.
- 3. HE SAID THAT THE GOB WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED TO ANY SORT OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HENCE WE SECRET

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COULD BE SURE THAT BELGIUM WOULD NOT PERMIT ASSISTANCE OR DELIVERIES OF TECHNOLOGY OR EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN IN POSSIBLE FURTHERANCE OF SUCH AIMS.

4. IN COURDINATION WITH US, THE UK DCM CALLED THE SAME DAY ON THE CHIEF OF THE MFA OFFICE RESPUNSIBLE FOR NUCLEAR AFFAIRS (HERPELS) AND WENT OVER THE SAME GROUND, NOTING THAT BY AGREEMENT THE US CHARGE WAS RAISING THE MATTER AT THE POLICY LEVEL. HERPELS SAID SHE WOULD ALERT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE EXPORT OF INVERTERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT USEFUL FOR THE SUSPECTED PROJECT. SHE NOTED THAT ANY SUCH EXPORTS WOULD IN ANY CASE HAVE TO GET PULITICAL CLEARANCE FROM THE MFA. SHE ASSURED THE UK DCM THAT THE MFA WILL INSURE THAT THESE CONTROLS ARE EFFECTIVE IN THIS CASE (PRESUMABLY BY INSTITUTING A LUOKOUT FOR ANY INGUIRTES OR NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY DELIVERIES TO PAKISTAN). CHAMBERS

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