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Summary:

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

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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 COORDINATION WITH US, THE UK DCM CALLED THE SAME DAY ON THE CHIEF OF THE MFA OFFICE RESPONSIBLE 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 POLITICAL 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 LOOKOUT FOR ANY INQUIRIES OR NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY DELIVERIES TO PAKISTAN). CHAMBERS

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