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Summary:

The U.S. Secretary of State offers instructions for how approach to the South Koreans on membership at the International Energy Agency (IEA).

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1. IN RESPONSE TO ROK PROBE REPORTED REFTEL REGARDING POSSIBLE KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN IEA OR PARTICIPATION IN AGENCY'S EMERGENCY SHARING PROGRAM, YOU SHOULD INFORM CHOE THAT MEMBERSHIP IN AGENCY AND PARTICIPATION IN ITS PROGRAMS IS EXPLICITLY LIMITED TO OECD COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF A FUTURE WIDESPREAD EMBARGO, THE IEA IS COMMITTED TO REFRAIN FROM SEEKING TO INCREASE THE GROUP'S TRADITIONAL SHARE OF WORLD OIL SUPPLY AT THE EXPENSE OF NON-IEA COUNTRIES.

2. WE NOW HAVE NO SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANY NON-IEA COUNTRIES AND AT THIS POINT ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ESTABLISH ANY SUCH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. AT SAME TIME, AS AMBASSADOR NOTES, ROKG FEARS SEEM OVERSTATED. MAH

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