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Subject: Istanbul's Minority Religious Leaders Convey Concerns to Ambassador

1. (SBU) SUMMARY. In February and March, Ambassador Ricciardone made introductory calls on four of Istanbul's prominent religious leaders from the Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Armenian and Syriac Orthodox communities of Turkey. The

2. (C) The community was quick to praise the GoT's public statements on the need to assure the safety of Turkey's Jewish community in the wake of the May 2010 Gaza flotilla events (ref C).

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1. This is an action request. See para. 3.

2. Background: The United States continues to work to normalize
Israel's relationship with the Human Rights Council (HRC) and
prevent it from continuing to be unfairly singled out. The March
session of the HRC is likely to include five resolutions related to
Israel on settlements, Palestinian self-determination, human
rights in the Palestinian Territories, follow-up on the Goldstone
report, and follow-up on the Gaza flotilla incident. Agenda Item 7
debate will take place on Monday, March 21. The U.S. will give
four statements opposing the bias of Item 7, the on-going review of
the Goldstone report and May 2010 flotilla incident in the Council,
and on the report of the Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in the
Palestinian Territories. Voting on the resolutions will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 24-25. The U.S. opposes all of these resolutions and encourages other HRC members to do the same. We want to ensure that those countries who have voted against the Goldstone resolution in particular maintain their no votes or move from abstention to no. The September HRC session vote on Goldstone follow-up was: 27 yes, 1 no (U.S.), 19 abstentions. The September HRC session vote on flotilla follow-up the vote was: 30 yes, 1 no (U.S.), and 15 abstentions.

3. Action Request: Posts are requested to meet with host country officials at the appropriate senior level as soon as possible, and prior to Wednesday, March 24 and deliver the talking points in para. 4.
Department POC is DRL/MLGA Sarah Johnston-Gardner, ph. 202-647-0293, email: johnstongardnersr@state.gov. Department thanks Posts for their assistance.

4. Talking Points
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- The United States continues to work to normalize Israel’s relationship with the Human Rights Council and prevent it from continuing to be unfairly singled out. This session is likely to include five to resolutions related to Israel, including settlements, Palestinian self-determination, follow-up on the Goldstone report, and the Gaza Flotilla incident. The U.S. opposes all of these resolutions and encourages other HRC members to do the same.
May 31 Flotilla Incident Follow-up:

The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which
handed the HRC Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate—something the Mission itself acknowledged in its September report. We also opposed the September resolution recommending further HRC action on this.

We remain opposed to further action in the UN Human Rights Council on this matter. The UN Secretary General was able to obtain the support of both Turkey and Israel for the establishment of a panel of inquiry to receive and review the reports of Israel’s Turkel Commission and Turkey’s National Commission of Inquiry into the tragic incident. We welcome the establishment of the Secretary General’s panel. We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident. We note that the panel is reviewing both countries’ reports and we look forward to receiving the results of its work.
Immediately following the May 31 incident, we noted the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into these tragic events.

End Talking Points.

5. Country Specific Background: Country positions in the September 2010 HRC session on Goldstone follow-up and flotilla follow-up are below. Israel has asked for help on maintaining no votes on the Goldstone follow-up resolution in the HRC March 2010 session; these countries are noted below.

Europe:
Belgium: Abstained on Goldstone and Flotilla
France: Abstained on both
Hungary: Abstained on both. Voted against the March 2010 Goldstone follow-up resolution and made a statement specifically opposing the recommendation for the Swiss to convokve the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Also spoke against the HCP recommendation in UNGA Goldstone follow-up resolution 64/254.
Norway: Abstained on both
Poland: Abstained on both
Republic of Moldova: Abstained on both
Slovakia: Abstained on both. Voted against the March 2010 Goldstone follow-up resolution and made a statement specifically opposing the recommendation for the Swiss to convokve the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
Spain: Abstained on both
Switzerland: Abstained on both
Ukraine: Abstained on both. Voted against the March 2010 Goldstone follow-up resolution.
United Kingdom: Abstained on both

Italy and Netherlands: Italy and the Netherlands are not current council members, but could make statements against the resolution. Both voted against the March 2010 Goldstone follow-up resolution. The Netherlands also made a statement specifically opposing the recommendation for the Swiss to convokve the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention at the HRC 13th session in March 2010 and during the UNGA debate on Goldstone follow-up resolution 64/254.

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1. (SBU) Poloff delivered ref. A demarche to members of the FCO’s UN Human Rights Team and a member of the FCO’s Middle East Team on March 22. On the Gaza flotilla incident follow up, they said that they welcome the establishment of the Secretary General’s panel, but added that the UK position largely depends on whether Turkey will “accept” the findings of the Palmer Report.

2. (SBU)

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1. The Department instructs USDEL to call a vote and vote NO on the following resolutions:


2. US Del is instructed to give the following Explanation of Votes:

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Statement by the Delegation of the United States of America

Follow-up to the Report of the Independent International

Fact-Finding Mission on the Incident of the Humanitarian Flotilla

Resolution

Human Rights Council 16th Session

Geneva, March 2011

Thank you, Mr. President.

We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships last spring.

We have repeatedly underscored the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into the tragic events of May 31. We are committed to working with partners, including our longstanding friends Israel and Turkey, to ensure a full and appropriate response to the incident and the circumstances that led to it.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza. The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and is not in the interest of anyone who seeks peace. Mechanisms are in place to transfer humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and they should be used for the benefit of ordinary Gazans.

We urge all those wishing to deliver goods to do so through established channels so their cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings into Gaza to ensure that Israel's legitimate security needs are addressed as the Palestinians' humanitarian needs are met. We commend recent steps taken to expand access to goods in Gaza. We continue to engage the Israelis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. We continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, even as we bear in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.

The tragic flotilla incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace, including two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security.

The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which handed this Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate—something the Mission itself acknowledged in its report. We commend the Secretary General's constructive initiative in convening a panel to receive and review the results of Israel and Turkey's investigations into the tragic incident.

We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident. We note that the panel is reviewing both countries' reports, and express our appreciation to the Secretary General for his efforts to establish
this panel. We note that the Human Rights Council Fact-Finding Mission report referred to these ongoing processes and did not recommend further UN action on this matter. The United States opposed Resolution 15/1, and for the same reasons, we oppose the current resolution. Accordingly, we must call a vote, and vote against this resolution.
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Mission Geneva participated in a fruitful DVC on February 7, 2011 with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. The U.S. side was led by I/O DAS Suzanne Nossel and the Israeli side by MFA Director for International Organizations Evita Manor.

Discussions covered:

the upcoming March HRC session, 

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2. (S) Gaza and Flotillas.

There have been no significant attempts to break the Gaza blockade since October although there are plans for future flotillas from various organizers, possibly to correspond with the one year anniversary of the 31 May 2010 Mavi Marmara interdiction.
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1. (C) SUMMARY: MFA D U/S Yenel told CODEL Shelby

D U/S Yenel: Israel Is Our Friend

2. (C) MFA Deputy U/S Selim Yenel (speaking as Acting FM) made judicious use of his opportunity to speak to seven U.S. Senators about Israel and

Yenel told CODEL Shelby (Senators Richard Shelby, Michael Enzi, Michael Crapo, John Cornyn, Thad Cochran, Roger Wicker, and Lamar Alexander)
8. (U) CODEL Shelby did not have an opportunity to clear this cable.

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11 STATE 9948
1. Summary. The United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) will hold its 16th regular session in Geneva from February 28 to March 25, 2011. The upcoming Council session represents a critical opportunity to build on initial U.S. progress in expanding the HRC's docket to include a wide range of human rights situations (such as Guinea, Somalia, DRC, and Haiti, among others). Top U.S. priorities for this session include (1) creation of a special mechanism to monitor the human rights situation in Iran; (2) defeating (either by an outright vote or through the negotiation of an alternative) an OIC resolution on Defamation of Religions; (3) ensure maximum cross-regional support for a statement on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights; (4) renewal of the mandate on Freedom of Expression; (5) addressing the 2011 Review of the Human Rights Council; (6) renewal of the mandate on the human rights situation in Burma as well as in the DPRK; (7) ensuring successful consideration of the United States Universal Periodic Review report; and (8) minimizing disproportionate and unfair Council actions on Israel.

2. Addressing host governments are either Human Rights Council members (see paragraph 3) or governments with considerable influence in Geneva (paragraph 4). This is not an action request. Assistance may be requested as needed during the session and will be requested separately.

Posts are welcome to share U.S. priorities and information from the background paragraphs with their host government as and when appropriate.

3. For Ouagadougou, Libreville, Accra, Lusaka, Yaounde, Djibouti, Port Louis, Abuja, Dakar, Luanda, Tripoli, Nouakchott, Kampala, Manama, Tokyo, Islamabad, Seoul, Dhaka, Beijing, Amman, Bishkek, Riyadh, Kuala Lumpur, Colombo, Doha, Bangkok, Bratislava, Kyiv (Kiev), Budapest, Moscow, Warsaw, Chisinau (Kishinev), Buenos Aires, Brasilia, Santiago, Mexico City, Montevideo, Quito, Guatemala City, Paris, London, Brussels, Oslo, Madrid, Bern: Your host countries are members of the HRC. Voting records for previous HRC sessions can be found at http://icp.state.sbu/hr/voting/default.aspx
4. For Cairo, Pretoria, Algiers, Rabat, Singapore, Jakarta, Stockholm, Bogota, The Hague, Rome, Ankara, New Delhi, Manila, Ljubljana, Berlin, Ottawa, Wellington, Canberra: While your country is not a member of the HRC, it is very influential in Geneva.
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Normalizing HRC's relations with Israel

13. The United States continues to work to normalize Israel's relationship with the Council and prevent it from continuing to be unfairly singled out. This session is likely to include five to seven resolutions targeting Israel, including settlements, self-determination, follow-up on the Goldstone report and the Gaza Flotilla incident.

- Goldstone Report/Gaza 2008-2009 Conflict Follow-up: The U.S. continues to oppose further action in the Human Rights Council on the Goldstone report. We have consistently expressed our belief that allegations of violations of international law that took place during the Gaza conflict warrant effective domestic follow-up action. The primary responsibility for investigations and follow-up rests with the parties. In this context, we note that the Goldstone report, and the September 2010 Human Rights Council Committee of Independent Experts September report stressed the principle of complementarity: the principle that domestic authorities have the primary responsibility to investigate allegations of violations of human rights and the law of armed conflict before the UN takes action. Israel was not offered that opportunity and continues to conduct serious military investigations into the allegations from the 2008-2009 Gaza
conflict. The investigations have also resulted in significant military doctrine changes which will provide further protection for civilians in conflict. We urge UN members to carefully review Israel’s July 2010 report for the UN Secretary General and compare it to their own military doctrine in the context of the challenges of asymmetrical urban conflict.

- May 31 Flotilla Incident Follow-up: The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which handed the Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate?something the Mission itself acknowledged in its September report. We remain opposed to further action in the UN Human Rights Council on this matter. We note that, with the benefit of more time and consideration, the UN Secretary General was able to obtain the support of both Turkey and Israel for the establishment of a panel of inquiry to receive and review the reports of Israel’s Turkel Commission and Turkey’s national investigation into the tragic incident. Immediately following the May 31 incident, we noted the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into these tragic events. We will not prejudge the conclusions without the opportunity for a full examination of the facts and perspectives from all sides. We continue to await the outcomes of these processes. We welcome the establishment of the Secretary General’s panel and the spirit of cooperation that it represents. We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident.

- We urge that Human Rights Council not be used for actions that could disrupt the peace process or actions that could make it harder for Israel and Turkey to move beyond the recent strains in their historically strong bilateral relationship.

Contact

14. For additional information on the Human Rights Council and USG Priorities, visit the IO/HR SharePoint page at http://io.p.state.sbu/hr/HRC15/forms/AllItems.aspx.

15. Direct questions on the Human Rights Council or any of the priorities to IO/HR McKenzie Millar or Julia Straker.

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1. (C) Summary: IO Assistant Secretary Esther Brimmer conducted a day-long consultation on UN and Multilateral Affairs with Israeli MFA officials in Jerusalem on March 1, 2011. A wide range of issues were covered:

- Operation Cast Lead and the Mavi Marmara flotilla.
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20. (SBU) Assistant Secretary Brimmer cleared this cable.

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From: Godfrey, Anthony F
Sent: 3/18/2011 9:24:35 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP3
Subject: Scenesetter for SACEUR March 22-24 Visit to Turkey
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 11 ANKARA 395
Date/DTG: Mar 18, 2011 / 181324Z MAR 11
From: AMEMBASSY ANKARA
Action: CDR USEUCOM VAHINGEN IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: MARR, PREL, NATO, TU
Captions: NOFORN
Pass Line: FOR ADM STAVRIDIS FROM AMBASSADOR RICCIARDONE
Subject: Scenesetter for SACEUR March 22-24 Visit to Turkey

1. (U) Admiral Stavridis – I look forward to seeing you here in Turkey. You will be warmly welcomed by your Turkish hosts, who remain proud of their contributions to the work of the Alliance.
From: Bain, Wallace R
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP8
Subject: France Will Consider HRC Israel-Related Resolutions
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France Will Consider HRC Israel-Related Resolutions

Signature: RIVKIN

Classified By: Name: David H. Van Cleve, Title: Political Counselor
From: Moyes, Allan
Sent: 3/22/2011 12:26:17 PM
To: SMART Core
Subject: Netherlands/ UNHRC: Mixed reaction to Israel resolutions before Human Rights Council

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Poloff delivered ref tel demarche on the Israel-related resolutions before the UN Human Rights Council to the Dutch MFA on March 21. He said it is likely the Dutch will support a "no" vote on the resolutions related to the follow-up on the Goldstone Report and the follow-up on the Gaza flotilla incident. However, it is likely the Dutch will not support a "no" vote on the remaining resolutions regarding Israel. Alberda said it is possible that a statement outlining their views on the Goldstone and Gaza flotilla resolutions might be issued in Geneva in the next few days but that no decision has yet been made.

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From: Patel, Reena X
Sent: 3/22/2011 2:54:42 PM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP8
Subject: SPAIN: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON HRC-ISRAEL RELATED RESOLUTIONS
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, IS, UN, UNHRC-2, SP
Captions: SENSITIVE
Reference: A) 11 STATE 25103
B) 10 STATE 15233
Subject: SPAIN: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON HRC-ISRAEL RELATED RESOLUTIONS

1. (C) Poloff delivered refief demarche March 22 to Spanish MFA
He provided the following information on these various Israeli resolutions:

- On the Gaza Flotilla incident
- On the Goldstone report
- On Israeli settlements
- On Palestinian self-determination

Signature: SOLOMONT

Classified By: Name: Arnold A. Chacon, Title: DCM
Office: Executive Office
Agency: State
Reason: 1.4 (b), (d)
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From: Levin, Jan X  
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP3  
Subject: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla  
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1. (C) Summary: Israeli officials are alarmed at the prospect of a late May flotilla.

What Israel Knows of the Flotilla Plans

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3. (C) In the last two days, senior officials in the Israeli MFA, MOD, and NSC approached us in a coordinated effort to get U.S. help on a public campaign to discourage the flotilla.
From: Kiene, Robert R (Brussels)
To: svcSMARTHTBTSPOPS
Subject: BELGIAN MFA SUPPORTS SOME HRC ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS, OPPOSES OTHERS
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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1. (C) On March 22, Deputy Political Economic Counselor conveyed U.S. opposition to five resolutions in the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) to the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and urged Belgium to oppose them in the HRC.

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5. (C)
From: Barry, Benjamin G
To: SMART Core
Subject: Demarche Delivered on Israel and LGBT resolutions at UN Human Rights Council

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To: SMART Core
Subject: Demarche Delivered on Israel and LGBT resolutions at UN Human Rights Council

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1. (SBU) Poloff delivered points on the joint statement on "Ending Acts of Violence and Related Human Rights Violations Based On Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" and the South African resolution seeking to limit discussion and reporting on LGBT issues (Ref B) to [redacted] in MFA's UN Directorate on March 22. [redacted] reported that the GOU had sent instructions to their mission in Geneva to sign the joint statement but did not know of the South African resolution. (Note: EUR confirmed that the GOU did sign the joint statement.)

2. (SBU) Turning to the resolutions on Israel covering Palestinian self-determination, Israeli settlements, Palestinian human rights and follow ups to the Goldstone Report and the Gaza flotilla incident (Ref A), [redacted] stated that these were more complicated and that her directorate was consulting with the Middle Eastern territorial directorate within MFA. She stated that Ukraine would likely follow the EU's position. She noted that she had heard that the Israeli mission in Geneva had been lobbying the Ukrainian mission there to vote against the resolution on a daily basis but she was not aware of any demarches by the Israeli embassy in Kyiv or lobbying done by Ukrainian Jewish groups. She noted that the Palestinians had demarched MFA to support the resolutions.

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Sent: 3/30/2011 8:22:22 AM
To: svcSMARTHTBSPOP2
Subject: A/S Shapiro in Israel
Attachments: CrossEncclaveEmail.pdf; Metadata.dat

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 385
Date/DTG: Mar 30, 2011 / 3012222 MAR 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, MCAP, MARR, MASS, TU, SY, EG, LE, JO, IS
Captions: NOFORN
Subject: A/S Shapiro in Israel

Summary

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18. (U) A/S Shapiro has cleared this message.

Signature: Cunningham

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Name: James B. Cunningham, Title: Ambassador
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From: Silverman, Robert J.
Sent: 3/30/2011 12:04:50 PM
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP4
Subject: Scenesetter for President Peres's Visit to Washington, April 4-6
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 397
Date/DTG: Mar 30, 2011 / 301605Z MAR 11
From: AMBASSAY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, IS
Reference: A) TEL AVIV 365
Subject: Scenesetter for President Peres's Visit to Washington, April 4-6
From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: 4/6/2011 7:17:45 AM
To: svcSMARThBTSPOP5
Subject: MFA Asks for Specific USG Assistance to Counter May Flotilla
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 423
Date/DTG: Apr 06, 2011 / 061118Z APR 11
From: AMBASSAD Y TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PINS, PTER, MOPS, KWBG, TU, IS
Reference: A) 11 TEL AVIV 365
Subject: MFA Asks for Specific USG Assistance to Counter May Flotilla

1. (C) Summary: MFA officials asked us April 6 for specific assistance following on reftel discussion to support their efforts to counter plans for another flotilla in late May.

End Summary.

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5. (C) ____ pointed to an open source website as the basis for his report, cited in ref tel, that an IHH delegation had travelled to Tehran in February 2011 to seek Ahmadinejad's support. The website can be viewed at http://www.thememriblog.org/turkey/blog_personal/en/34568.htm.

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Signature: GOLDBERGER

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Office: U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv
Agency: Dept of State
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Attachments: Metadata.dat

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Dissemination Rule: CONFIDENTIAL
From: O'Grady, Daniel J
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP9
Subject: A Moderate's View from Inside AKP
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 11 ANKARA 517
Date/DTG: Apr 05, 2011 / 051609Z APR 11
From: AMBASSADY ANKARA
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Subject: A Moderate's View from Inside AKP

1. (C) SUMMARY: 

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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: 4/7/2011 12:32:59 PM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP8
Subject: MFA Elaborates on Goldstone Follow-up, September Scenarios, Flotilla Planning
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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Date/DTG: Apr 07, 2011 / 071835Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
Subject: MFA Elaborates on Goldstone Redux Flotilla Planning

1. (C) Summary: On April 7, MFA Deputy Director General for UN and IO Affairs Evi Manor

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On flotilla planning we briefed MFA officials

Goldstone Redux

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