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MIPT: MESSAGE FROM PIK BOTHA TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR ON APARTHEID.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT:

BEGINS

YOUR PUBLIC OUTRAGE YESTERDAY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA REFLECTS THE INSTITUTIONALISED INTOLERANCE, BIAS AND PREJUDICE THAT HAVE BECOME THE TRADEMARK OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS OFFICIALDOM IN VIOLATION OF CLEAR CHARTER PROVISION. WITH YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WAS PRESENTED TO INITIATE A PROCESS TO RESTORE SOME MEASURE OF CREDIBILITY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION. THE FACT THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS AGAIN PROMPTED TO OBJECT TO PUBLIC REMARKS MADE BY YOU WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS SINCE YOUR DAMAGING COMMENTS ON SWA/NAMIBIA IS A STRONG INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION THAT YOU HAVE SET UPON IN THE CONDUCT OF WORLD AFFAIRS. BY PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATING YOUR PERSONAL ATTACHMENT TO THE POLITICAL CAUSE OF IDEOLOGICAL ADVERSARIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED YOUR INABILITY TO ACT IN A JUST AND UNBIASED MANNER TOWARDS MEMBER STATES WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM POWER BLOCS AND WHO ARE MADE SCAPEGOATS FOR THE INEQUITIES WHICH ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE LATEST OUTBURST AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IS PARTICULARLY REPREHENSIBLE CONSIDERING THE AUDIENCE WHOSE APPROVAL WAS CATERED FOR. I URGE YOU TO REFLECT SERIOUSLY ON THIS MANIFESTATION OF SUBSERVENCE TO GROUPS AND ALLIANCES THAT COMMAND MAJORITIES IN VOTING BUT SHOW LITTLE REGARD FOR THE MOST ELEMENTARY NORMS OF HUMAN DIGNITY.

THE IMPOTENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TODAY AND THE RIDICULE WITH WHICH IT IS VIEWED IS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THIS PATTERN OF BEHAVIOUR. FOR, IT CAN NEVER SATISFY THE EXTREMISTS WHILE IT CAUSES ALIENATION AMONG THOSE WHO RESPECT FAIR PLAY. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CLAIM OR PRETEND THAT IT HAS NO SHORTCOMINGS OR INADEQUACIES. THESE ARE RECOGNISED AND SOUGHT TO BE RESOLVED. HOWEVER, IT STRAINS THE CONSCIENCE THAT YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE POVERTY PLAYS HAVOC WITH THE LIVES OF MILLIONS IN THE MOST OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD THREATENING THEIR VERY SURVIVAL, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES REMAIN OBSESSED WITH THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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THE TOTAL DISREGARD FOR BASIC FREEDOMS IN THE MAJORITY OF UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES IS SEEMINGLY OF NO INTEREST TO YOU OR YOUR ORGANISATION. SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEAD IGNORANCE OF THE FACTS MUST WE THEN ASSUME THAT THE LACK OF FREEDOM AND PROGRESS IN THOSE COUNTRIES ARE TOLERATED, EXCUSED OR CONDONED SO AS NOT TO ANGER THE PERPETRATORS WHOSE PIETY IS REFLECTED IN THEIR PROFESSED CONCERN OVER THE AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA?

IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL PERMIT ME A WORD OF FRIENDLY CAUTION AT THE OUTSET OF YOUR TERM OF OFFICE: HEED THE WARNINGS IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REPORTS OF UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONS, SHOW CONCERN FOR THE MISERY OF THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE MAJORITY OF UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES, NEGOTIATE THE REAL ENEMIES OF MANKIND, NAMELY HUNGER, DISEASE, ILLITERACY AND POVERTY, DEDICATE YOUR TALENTS AND ENERGY WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR TO THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE AFFECTED. IN SO DOING YOU MAY SALVAGE SOMETHING OF THE UNITED NATION'S DIGNITY, IDEALISM AND CREDIBILITY AND YOU WILL EARN CREDIT FOR YOUR OWN EFFORTS.

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