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SUBJECT:; OASGA 4 - OCTOBER 25

1. SIXTH PLENARY SESSION (OCT. 25) OPENED WITH THE BARGADIAN  
FONMIN HENRY DE B FORD WHO EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S SOLIDARITY  
WITH BOLIVIA  
. HE REFERRED TO CIECC MEETING IN BAROADOS AND  
CRITICIZED US FOR NOT HAVING CO-SPONSRED THE RESOLUTION OF

BRIDGETOWN WHICH 22 OTHERS ADHERED TO. HE EXPRESSED HIS  
OPINION THAT THE US LEFT GRAVE DOUBTS AS REGARDS ITS TRUE  
INTENTIONS TOWARDS THE FUTURE OF THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS."  
IN THE SAME VEIN FORDE ADDED THAT SECURIT. WAS NOT PROVIDED BY

MILITARY EXPENDITURE ALONE, AND FELT THAT THE US, BEING THE  
MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY, COULD NOT ESCAPE ITS RESPONSIOILITY  
TO CONTRIBUTE TO EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION. HE  
WAS FOLLOWED BY ECUADOR'S SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,  
MARIO ALLEMAN AND PARAGUAY'S FONMIN, ALBERT NOGUES, WHO  
GAVE VERY GENERAL PRESENTATION.

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2. COMMITTEE 2 ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMPLETED  
DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS DEALING WITH TRADE ISSUES

WITH LENGTHY BUT RELATIVELY MODERATE DEBATE ON  
PROTECTIONISM. ON DISCUSSION OF GSP EXCLUSION OF OPEC  
COUNTRIES, VENEZUELA REMAINED SILENT AND ECUADOR CITED

OBJECTIONS TO CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH  
US. BOLIVIA MADE A RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENT ABOUT

DVERSE EFFECTS OF US TIN DISPOSAL.; US RESPONDED WITH  
EXPOSITION ON TIN PRICES SINCE 1972 AND ON PRODUCTION  
FALLING BEHIND CONSUMPTION. INDICATION IS THAT BOLIVIA  
DOES NOT INTEND TO TABLE A RESOLUTION ON TIN.

3. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS TABLED THUS FAR, NOT  
YET DISCUSSED, ARE ONE BY ECUADOR ON PANAMA CANAL TOLLS,  
CALLING FOR CONTINUED OAS STUDY ON NEGATIVE IMPACT ON  
LATIN AMERICAN TRADE, AND RESOLUTION BY COSTA RICA  
EXPRESSING LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN OVER PENDING MEAT

IMPORT LEGISLATION AND ASKING USG TO FIND LONG-TERM  
SOLUTIONS THAT WILL NOT RESTRICT MEAT IMPORTS FROM LATIN  
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

4. THIRD COMMITTEE MET IN AFTERNOON FOR FIRST WORKING  
SESSION AND COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF 1978 CIECC OF SANTIAGO AND THE 1979 CIECC OF  
BARBADOS. ON THE RESOLUTION OF BRIDGETOWN THE US DELEGATE  
REFERRED TO THE POSITION OF THE US  
AGAINST LANGUAGE  
IMPLYING COMMITMENT TO 66 PERCENT CONTRIBUTION.  
THE US DELEGATE ALSO STATED THAT THE RESOLUTION CONTRA-  
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DICTED THE "VOLUNTARY" NATURE OF THE FUNDS IN ITS  
REFERENCE TO A "PROPORTION" FOR FEMCIECC. THE DELEGATE  
OF BARBADOS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN FACT A KIND OF  
INFORMAL QUOTA HAD BEEN OPERATING WITH REGARD TO  
FEMCIECC. NO OTHER DELEGATION SPOKE TO THE ISSUE AND  
THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY CON ENSUS WITH THE US  
RESERVING AS WAS THE CASE IN BRIDGETOWN. A WORKING  
GROUP WAS FORMED, INCLUDING THE US, TO DRAFT A  
RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD INSTRUCT THE SECRETARIAT AND

CEPCIECC TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES  
TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE RESOLUTION OF BRIDGETOWN.

5. COMMITTEE 1 STARTED SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS WITH  
CONSIDERATION OF IAHRC ANNUAL REPORT. USDEL MADE STATE-  
MENT OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR COMMISSION'S WORK AND WE ARE  
REPEARING DRAFT RESOLUTION IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH  
IAHRC CHAIRMAN AGUILAR. WE EXPECT WORK ON THIS ITEM TO  
CONTINUE TOMORROW AFTER WHICH EL SALVADOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED. VENEZUELAN AND SALVADOREAN

REPS ARE DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM  
WHICH WE WILL CO-SPONSOR.

6. DECLARATION OF LA PAZ. A WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP  
TO REVISE THE PROPOSAL OF THE ANDEAN GROUP. MEXICAN  
AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA CALLED FOR A TOTAL REDRAFTING TO  
FOCUS ON PRINCIPLES AND GOALS FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN  
SYSTEM. BRAZIL, CHILE, ARGENTINA JOINED MEXICO AND  
US IN PRESSING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF REFERENCES TO  
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS LIKE BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA AND  
TIN. US AND BRAZIL WERE THE ONLY DELEGATIONS WITH

SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CHANGES TO PRESENT. WORKING GROUP  
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MEETS AGAIN TOMORROW TO CONSIDER NEW DRAFT WITH CHANGES  
PROPOSED IN TODAY'S SESSION.

7. BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA. GOB IS LINING UP CO-  
SPONSORS FOR ITS RESOLUTION. CORR DOR TALK INDICATES  
THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES ARE URGING LANGUAGE CHANGES AS  
CONDITIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THAT DRAFTS BY OTHER  
DELEGATIONS ARE ALSO CIRCULATING.

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