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REF: SAN JOSE 5164 (NOTAL)

1. ON THE CHANCE THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FROM OTHER SOURCES, FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT RELEASED NOVEMBER 9 BY BERNT CARLSSON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) AS SI PRESS RELEASE NO. 25/79.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE ACTION OF COLONEL ALBERTO NATUSCH BUSCH IN LA PAZ ON NOVEMBER 1, 1979 IN TRYING TO SEIZE POWER IN BOLIVIA AND PUT AN END TO THE INTERIM PRESIDENCY OF WALTER GUEVARA ARZE HAS BEEN DEPLORED BY DEMOCRATS WORLDWIDE. PRESIDENT GUEVARA HAD ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF HEAD OF STATE FOR ONE YEAR ON AUGUST 8, 1979 AT THE DULY EXPRESSED WISH OF THE BOLIVIAN CONGRESS. HIS PRESIDENCY MARKED A STEP ALONG THE ROAD TO EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY IN BOLIVIA.

3. THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DEPLORES THE BLATANT INTERFERENCE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA BY A SECTION OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND REGRETS THE DEATHS WHICH HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWED IN ITS WAKE.

4. THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE TRADE UNIONS AND THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTIES IN BOLIVIA. IT URGES AN IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF FULL POWER TO DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED LEGISLATURE AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT.

5. THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CALLS UPON ALL ITS MEMBER PARTIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO EXPRESS THEIR UNEQUIVOCAL REJECTION OF THIS ATTEMPT TO USURP POWER BY THE MILITARY FACTION LED BY COLONEL ALBERTO NATUSCH AND TO BRING ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE TO BEAR FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT. END TEXT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO FORWARD SUCH SI STATEMENTS (AS WAS DONE WITH THE SI PRESS RELEASE ON THE COUP IN EL SALVADOR, REFTEL).

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