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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA POPULATION

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1. WELCOME INFO LONDON REFTEL PROVIDES MUCH BACKGROUND NOT IN EMBASSY FILES. AS INDICATED PORT LOUIS REFTEL, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBASSY LONDON'S RECOMMENDATION THAT REAL EFFORT NOW BE MADE PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR SOME DIEGO GARCIA'S THERE DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS COULD BE EXPECTED HELP REDUCE MAURITIAN OPPOSITION TO RETURN PORTION BALANCE OF THESE PEOPLE TO THIS COUNTRY.

2. LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS ALREADY INQUIRING WHETHER ANY POSSIBILITY THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE NEEDED. WE HAVE BEEN PESSIMISTIC VIEW LANGUAGE ANNOUNCEMENT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.
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