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E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/24/2015  
TAGS: PREL, BEXP, EAIR, PHUM, PINR, ECON, MP, SE, IO  
SUBJECT: MAURITIAN PM TO RE-EXAMINE DECISION TO BUY AIRBUS;  
TIP, DIEGO GARCIA, AND SEYCHELLES ALSO RAISED

REF: A. PORT LOUIS 449  
B. PORT LOUIS 253

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Stephen M. Schwartz  
Reason 1.4 (b/d).

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/// ACCELERATE EMTel/MILLICON RESOLUTION ///

5. (U) Charge told Ramgoolam that a lawsuit against Mauritius Telecom by Emtel and its American joint venture partner Millicon was still in the courts five years after Ramgoolam left office and nine years in total. Charge urged the PM to support an expedited resolution of the case, either in the courts or through mediation or arbitration as Emtel has suggested. Ramgoolam said that he personally always thought Emtel had a good case and that it might well be settled out of court.

/// DIEGO GARCIA ///

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6. (SBU) Charge told Ramgoolam that the naval support facility at Diego Garcia was vital to the USG,s global security posture. The USG respects Mauritius,s desire for sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago but has no desire to change the status quo. Charge explained that whatever their impact domestically, [REDACTED],s critical public positions about the U.S. and Diego Garcia were often flat wrong, such as [REDACTED] December 2004 allegation of an early warning about the tsunami, and [REDACTED] declamations were poorly received in Washington. Ramgoolam noted that as Prime Minister in 1995 he ended a policy put in place by [REDACTED] as a cabinet minister which excluded U.S. ships from Mauritius if they might be carrying nuclear weapons.

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/// NEED PROGRESS ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ///

7. (U) Charge said the USG is increasingly concerned about trafficking in persons (TIP) as a global phenomenon. Concern was rising about Mauritius because too little was being done

to address the problem which in Mauritius is about child prostitution as identified by a University of Mauritius study. Programs and institutions have been created but they need to be publicized and better used. Charge asked for the PM,s support for legislation that criminalizes TIP and includes meaningful penalties.

/// SEYCHELLES ///

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