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9. (C) BOSNIAC REACTION TO THE SIGNING OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM WAS ENTHUSIASTIC, AS REFLECTED BY BANNER HEADLINES IN THE LOCAL DAILIES. IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER CENGIC WAS DISTINCTLY UPBEAT, PROMISING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOLJIC, AND TARGETING HIS VERBAL BARBS AT THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE TRAIN AND EQUIP EFFORT. IN A MEETING WITH FORMER ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, BOSNIAN PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS THANKS FOR U.S. EFFORTS TO PUSH THROUGH THE NEW FEDERATION DEFENSE LAW, AND INITIATE THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. DISPLAYING CONSIDERABLE EMOTION, HE TOLD HOLBROOKE "YOU KEPT YOUR WORD."

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10. (C) WHILE SLIGHTLY MORE RESTRAINED THAN THEIR BOSNIAC COLLEAGUES, THE REACTION OF THE BOSNIAN CROAT LEADERSHIP WAS ALSO EXTREMELY POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. SINCE PASSAGE OF THE NEW DEFENSE LAW ON JULY 9, PRESIDENT ZUBAK AND DEFENSE MINISTER SOLJIC HAVE REPEATEDLY ASSERTED, BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, THEIR PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM FOR THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM, (INCLUDING FORMATION OF AN INTEGRATED MINISTRY OF DEFENSE), AND RENEWED COMMITMENT TO THE FEDERATION CONCEPT. SOLJIC IN PARTICULAR HAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED SEEMINGLY SINCERE (IF GUARDED) OPTIMISM THAT THE FEDERATION CONSTRUCT CAN WORK.

11. (C) COMMENT: ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT THIS WAS A HISTORIC DAY FOR BOSNIA. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE

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INAUGURATION OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM NOT ONLY ENSURES THE FUTURE CAPABILITY OF BOSNIA TO DEFEND ITSELF; IT ALSO MARKS THE TERMINATION POINT OF SIGNIFICANT IRANIAN MILITARY INFLUENCE IN BOSNIA, AND PROBABLY THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF MEANINGFUL IRANIAN IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE AS WELL. MOREOVER, THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM (IN TANDEM WITH THE NEW FEDERATION DEFENSE LAW) ADDS MUCH-NEEDED CONCRETE TO THE FEDERATION STRUCTURE, STRENGTHENING THOSE CENTRIPETAL FORCES WHICH MUST PREVAIL FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO SURVIVE AS A UNIFIED STATE. END COMMENT.

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