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SUBJECT: BOSNIA TRAIN AND EQUIP: POSSIBLE SLOVAK PARTICIPATION

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, EUR.
REASON: 1.5(D).

2. (C) SLOVAK EMBASSY [REDACTED] MET WITH ANGEL RABASA, TASK FORCE ON MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SLOVAK PARTICIPATION IN THE BOSNIA TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. [REDACTED] THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED AND WOULD WELCOME A VISIT TO BRATISLAVA BY U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW NEXT WEEK.

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3. (C) RABASA BRIEFED [REDACTED] ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS. HE NOTED THAT THAT DOLLARS 140 MILLION HAD BEEN PLEDGED TO DATE BY INTERNATIONAL DONORS. OF THIS, ABOUT DOLLARS 40 MILLION WERE COMMITTED TO PAY FOR THE MPRI CONTRACT, LEAVING ABOUT DOLLARS 100 MILLION FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES THAT COULD NOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH DONATIONS.

4. (C) RABASA TOLD [REDACTED] THAT, IF THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED, WE WERE PREPARED TO EXPLORE WHETHER THERE WAS A MATCH BETWEEN FEDERATION REQUIREMENTS AND SLOVAK EQUIPMENT. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED 122MM D-30 TOWED HOWITZERS AND 122MM MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS, WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE IN SLOVAKIA. THERE WERE ALSO REQUIREMENTS FOR ATGMs AND AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. WE
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WERE NOT LOOKING FOR TANKS AT THIS TIME, THOUGH THERE MAY BE A FUTURE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ARMOR.

5. (C) IN RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] QUERY, RABASA RESPONDED THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA AT THIS TIME. WE PREFERRED DONATIONS, BUT IF THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT WAS OFFERED AT THE RIGHT PRICES, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO FACILITATE A PURCHASE BY THE FEDERATION, SUBJECT TO DONOR APPROVAL. HE CAUTIONED THAT WE WERE DISCUSSING

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PROCUREMENT WITH A NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS, SO SLOVAKIA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER THE MOST COMPETITIVE PRICES POSSIBLE.

6. (C) [] THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. HE OBSERVED THAT DESPITE DOWNSIZING THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN SLOVAKIA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW, VISIT BRATISLAVA DURING HIS CENTRAL EUROPEAN TRIP NEXT WEEK. WE RESPONDED THAT IF THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED IN PURSUING PARTICIPATION IN T AND E, AMB. PARDEW WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SLOVAK OFFICIALS IN BRATISLAVA AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK. [] UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND GET BACK TO US WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

7. (U) COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUEST/SCHEDULE FROM AMB. PARDEW AND MR. RABASA WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

SARAJEVO MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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