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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IHRC
RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE INVITATION.

1. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION FURNISHED DEPARTMENT A COPY OF OAS INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE INVITATION.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT, THE COMMISSION'S REPLY SET OUT A LIST OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONDITIONS OF THE VISIT.

A) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS INTERVIEW FREELY AND PRIVATELY PERSONS, GROUPS AND ENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONS?

B) WOULD ARGENTINA BE DISPOSED TO GRANT GUARANTEES TO ALL WHO FURNISH INFORMATION, TESTIMONIES OR PROOFS OF WHATSOEVER CHARACTER?

C) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TRAVEL FREELY THROUGH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

D) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION HAVE ACCESS TO JAILS AND ALL OTHER DETENTION SITES AND WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW PRIVATELY PERSONS DETAINED OR IMPRISONED?

E) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GRANT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION WHATEVER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION, RELATED TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THEIR REPORT?

F) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION UTILIZE WHATEVER MEANS APPROPRIATE TO COLLECT RECORDS AND REPRODUCE THE INFORMATION THAT IT CONSIDERS OPPORTUNE?

G) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GIVE GUARANTEES AND FACILITIES WITH REFERENCE TO LETTERS D, H AND I OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION?

3. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT IT HAS APPLIED THE SAME RULES IN ALL OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH IT HAS VISITED, AND ASKED FOR AN ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION ASAP OR, IN ANY CASE, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 WHEN IT WILL BEGIN A NEW SESSION. VANCE

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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