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IN STATE OF UNION MESSAGE TODAY BETANCOURT STATED FOLLOWING RE ANZOATEGUI CASE "DURING THESE SAME DAYS REPATRIATION, IN ORDER TO BE JUDGED BY VENEZUELAN COURTS, OF THE GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO HIJACKED THE MERCHANT SHIP ANZOATEGUI HAS TO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL. THIS GOVT IS DISPOSED TO CARRY OUT ANY KIND OF MEASURE TO ARRIVE AT THIS OBJECTIVE INCLUDING, IF IT BE NECESSARY, MAKING THE PROBLEM KNOWN TO ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN EXISTING TREATIES BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH EXEMPLIFYING PRECEDENTS. PEACEABLE PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO CONFIDENTLY TRAVEL IN PLANES AND MERCHANT SHIPS WOULD RUN A SERIOUS RISK IF THOSE WHO CARRY OUT ACTS OF PIRACY, CLEARLY CHARACTERIZED AND DEFINED IN INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS, AGAINST THESE SHIPS, WERE TO REMAIN UNPUNISHED"

STEWART

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