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SUBJECT: US FLAG - SHRIMP FISHING AND BRAZILIAN FISHING REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: PORT OF SPAIN 399; BELEM 52

1. THERE IS GROWING CONCERN AMONG US SHRIMPING INTERESTS
HERE AS JUNE 1 DEADLINE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF BRAZIL'S FISHING
DECREE APPROACHES.

2. US FLEET OWNERS SAY UNLESS SOME AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL
REACHED OR ASSURANCES GIVEN THAT BRAZIL WILL DELAY EN-
FORCEMENT FISHING REGULATIONS THEY PLAN WITHDRAW BOATS
FROM AFFECTED AREA. THIS WITHDRAWAL WILL NOT ONLY HURT
US INVESTMENT IN LOCAL SHORE PLANTS AND BOATS (US \$6.5 MILLION)
BUT WILL ALSO HAVE IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON TRINIDADIAN EMPLOYMENT IN
THE SHRIMP INDUSTRY HERE.

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3. FLEET OWNERS LOOKING TO THIS EMBASSY FOR ADVICE AND
FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION. WE HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING
WITH AMERICAN FLEET OWNERS AND REGIONAL FISHATT GEORGE GROSS.

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EMBASSY REITERATES ITS NEED FOR RECENT AND CONTINUING INFORMATION ON IMPLICATIONS OF NEW BRAZILIAN REGULATIONS AND THE STATUS OF OUR CONSULTATION WITH GOB ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. ONLY WASHINGTON REACTION RECEIVED HERE IN PAST SIX WEEKS HAS BEEN STATE 062230.

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT THIS MESSAGE AND REFERENCE TO PARIS AND THE HAGUE.
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