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SUBJECT: USAID-MEC AGREEMENTS

FORWARDING

1. EMBASSY ~~REPEATING~~ TO ADDRESSEES MOST RECENT CABLES DEALING WITH USAID-MEC AGREEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH MEC THIS SUBJECT. USIS FORWARDING APPROPRIATE PRESS CLIPPINGS AND COPIES OF USAID-MEC AGREEMENT ON HIGHER EDUCATION. IN VIEW NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY ENVISAGING REVISION THIS AGREEMENT POSTS SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY PUBLIC DISSEMINATION. OLD AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, CAN BE USED IN APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH SELECTED LOCAL CONTACTS IF YOU FIND IT USEFUL.
2. USAID HAS A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WITH MEC. MOST

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IMPORTANT ARE THOSE a) ESTABLISHING TEXTBOOK PROGRAM,
b) PROVIDING FOR US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN UNIVERSITY
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM TO BE CARRIED OUT BY VISITING EXPERTS
UNDER CONTRACT TO UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, c) ESTABLISHING
JOINT US-GOB PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PLANNING TEAMS
(THESE HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONING NOW FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR),
AND d) ESTABLISHING JOINT US-BRAZILIAN HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN-
NING TEAM TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTRY AND FEDERAL
EDUCATION COUNCIL. TO DATE ONLY LATTER (d) AGREEMENT HAS
COME UNDER POLITICAL ATTACK.

3. US HIGHER EDUCATION TEAM WHICH HEADED BY CHANCELLOR ~~KLOSCHE~~ ^{KLOTSCH}
OF MILWAUKEE BRANCH OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HAS BEEN IN
BRAZIL APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS. FYI GOB HAS MOVED SLOWLY
IN NAMING BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS AND THOSE FINALLY NAMED DID
NOT PUT IN MUCH TIME AND HAVE NOT BEEN OF SUFFICIENTLY HIGH
QUALITY TO CARRY OUT PROJECT. IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THEIR
DISMISSAL OCCURRED PRIOR TO RECENT STUDENT FLARE-UPS OVER
US-MEC AGREEMENTS AND WE WERE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE.

4. NEVERTHELESS, IT ALSO APPEARS MINED TARSO DUTRA HAS
RESPONDED TO POLITICAL PRESSURES BY CAPITALIZING ON
DISMISSAL OF BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS TO APPEASE RADICAL

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STUDENT ELEMENTS. MINISTRY HAS NOW SUBMITTED TO US
FIRST PART OF PROPOSED REVISED AGREEMENT ON HIGHER EDU-
CATION AND MINISTER HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES HE WILL STRONGLY
DEFEND NEW AGREEMENT. OUR POSITION IS THAT WE PREPARED
ACCEPT REVISIONS WHICH DO NOT ALTER THE SUBSTANCE OF
AGREEMENT. NOT CLEAR AT THIS STAGE WHETHER NEW GOB
INVOLVE
DRAFT DOES ~~ENHANCE~~ MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. WE ALSO
NOT SURE HOW FAR MINISTER REALLY WILL GO IN DEFENDING
AGREEMENT IF IT COMES UNDER HEAVY FIRE.

5. IF QUESTIONED BY PRESS YOU SHOULD FOLLOW LINE
AMBASSADOR TOOK IN SAO PAULO SPEECH: USG STANDS READY
BE HELPFUL IN ANY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO WORK EFFECTIVELY
FOR THE ECONOMIC AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZIL;
PROVIDING THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BOTH GOB AND POPULAR SUPPORT
(FYI IN OUR VIEW GAINING POPULAR SUPPORT INVOLVES COMMIT-
MENT BY GOB TO EXPLAIN AND DEFEND PROGRAMS PUBLICLY).
YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT ANY GOB-USAID AGREEMENT CAN
BE ALTERED AT ANY TIME WHEN BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO DO SO.
WE UNDERSTAND MEC REVISING AGREEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES. FOR OUR PART WE ARE NOW CARRYING ON DISCUSSIONS

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