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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY GOA SECRETARY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION LATE EVEINING OF OCTOBER 14.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN SURPRISED BY THE NOMINATION OF ADOLFO MARIA PEREZ ESQUIVEL AS RECIPIENT OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

3. IF SUCH NOMINATION IS USED AS A SPECIES OF CONDEMNATION OF THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL REORGANIZATION (PRN, A REFERENCE TO PRESENT GOA), IT IS NECESSARY TO NOTE THAT EVERY POLITICAL OR INSTITUTIONAL ACT NEEDS FOR ITS PROPER EVALUATION A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF ITS ANTECEDENTS.... THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE SOUGHT, AND THE MEANS CHOSEN FOR ITS EXECUTION.

4. THE ONLY JUDGMENT WE ARGENTINES ACCEPT AS VALID IS ONE WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING THREE ELEMENTS:

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5. FIRST: ARGENTINA LIVED THROUGH A WAR THAT WAS STARTED IN 1969 WITH A STRATEGY OF "FOCO" (CHE GUEVARA'S CONCEPTS) THAT LATER TOOK ON THE FORMS OF BOTH URBAN AND RURAL GUERRILLA WARFARE; BY 1972-73 THE WAR BECAME MORE VIOLENT BY SOWING TERROR IN THE MOST IMPORTANT URBAN CENTERS AND RURAL AREAS OF NORTH ARGENTINA.... AND AFTER CAMPORA ASSUMED POWER, INFILTRATING THE WAR INTO AGENCIES OF THE STATE ITSELF. DEATH, VANDALISM AND DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY WERE DAILY FACTS. THE SAME INTERNATIONAL PRESS WHICH NOWDAYS SO LIGHTLY JUDGES US KNEW THAT THERE WERE ALMOST 200,000 TERRORIST (IN ACTION AT ONE



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POINT OR OTHER).

6. SECOND: ARGENTINA DEFEATED TERRORISM MILITARILY AND NOW PRESERVES ON ITS TERRITORY THE PRINCIPLES THAT ARE CHERISHED IN THE WEST, AND THOSE SAME VALUES IN DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEFENDED BY THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD.

7. THAT SAME STRUGGLE AND VICTORY HAD SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AND PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES THAT AT ONE TIME AFFLICTED WESTERN EUROPE, BUT BECAUSE IT WAS HERE HIDDEN AND DISGUISED, THE AGGRESSION HAD TO ADAPT ITSELF TO A NEW AND UNPRECEDENTED FORM OF ATTACK.

8. THIRD: AT THIS TIME, THE COUNTRY IS RECONSTRUCTING THE FUNDAMENTAL OF PEACE. THE PRN WITHOUT PRESSURE TOOK DECISIONS ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT AND, FROM THE MOMENT THE ARMED FORCES DECIDED TO TAKE POWER (IN 1976), DEFINED ITS FINAL OBJECTIVE AS THE REESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUTHENTIC DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN SYSTEM AND THE RULE OF LAW.

9. THE TRANSITION (TO THE STATED GOAL) IS DIFFICULT, FULL OF UNCERTAINTY AND MISUNDERSTANDING BECAUSE ARGENTINE SOCIETY SUFFERED DEEP WOUNDS THAT ARE SLOW TO CURE. BUT SINCE THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS A FIRM, REASONED AND DEFINITIVE DECISION, IT IS IRREVERSIBLE AND IRREVOCABLE, AND THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN (TO ATTAIN THE TRANSITION) WILL NOT BE AS OPEN (INGENUO) AS OUR ENEMIES, NOW INFILTRATED INTO IMPORTANT PRESSURE GROUPS, WOULD WISH.

10. IF ARGENTINE REALITY WERE NOT AS IT IS NOW MADE EVIDENT, IF THE PRN (THE PROCESS) DID NOT HAVE AS ITS FINAL OBJECTIVE (THE TRANSITION), AND IF ITS ACHIEVEMENT WERE NOT BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY EFFICIENT METHODS, THE NEW NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT:

A. WOULD NOT BE LIVING IN ARGENTINA UNDER CONDITIONS IN WHICH HE NOW FINDS HIMSELF, SO LET US POINT OUT THAT ARQUITECTO PEREZ ESQUIVEL IS NOT SHUT UP IN AN INHOSPITABLE PLACE. HE LIVES IN A GOOD RESIDENTIAL AREA AND ENJOYS FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND EXPRESSION. BESIDES, HE CONTINUES HIS ACTIVITIES AS HEAD OF THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE.

B. THE NATIONAL PRESS WOULD NOT HAVE MADE PUBLIC THE NEWS OF HIS RECEIPT OF THE NOBEL IF THERE EXISTED RESTRICTIONS OR CENSORSHIP.

11. THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON BY PEREZ ESQUIVEL, WHILE THE COUNTRY LIVED THROUGH THE HIGHEST INTENSITY OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM, WERE USED -- NOTWITHSTANDING HIS INTENTIONS -- TO HELD OBTAIN IMMUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS TERRORIST



ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEREFORE PEREZ ESQUIVEL HAD TO BE DETAINED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN LINE WITH THE RULES OF THE STATE OF SEIGE. IN SPITE OF THAT, WHEN THE VIRULENCE OF THE STRUGGLE EASED OFF, HE WAS RESTORED HIS FREEDOM BY DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

12. IN ESSENCE, THE PRN HAS WORKED AND FOUGHT FOR PEACE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY -- FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS -- OF ALL ARGENTINES, INCLUDING THE PRESENT NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT PEREZ
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ESQUIVEL.
IN SPITE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S CLEAR WILL OF BRINGING TOGETHER THE PEOPLE OF ARGENTINA IT DOES NOT APPROVE -- IN A SINCERE INTERPRETATION OF THE ARGENTINE FEELINGS -- THE BEHAVIOUR OF THOSE WHO EVEN BY OMISSION, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF THOSE WHO HAVE PROMOTED TERRORISM IN OUR COUNTRY.
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