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SUMMARY.

1. ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY 114 - 5 - 36 (AS COMPARED TO 116 - 4 - 34 IN 1986). A SATISFACTORY RESULT.

DETAIL

2. THE PROCEEDINGS ON 17 NOVEMBER WERE AGAIN LOW KEY, WITH STATEMENTS FROM A FURTHER SIX LATIN AMERICANS AND THE SOVIET UNION. TEN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE BRITISH, DELIVERED EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE. A SUMMARY OF THE DEBATE, AND THE TEXT OF MY EXPLANATION OF VOTE, ARE IN MY TWO I F TS (NOT TO ALL).

3. THIS WAS A SATISFACTORY RESULT FOR HMG. OF THE SIX DELEGATIONS WHICH CHANGED THEIR POSITION FROM LAST YEAR, ONLY SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (ABSENT LAST YEAR) MOVED TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. OTHER CHANGES WERE:

ABSTAIN TO NO: GAMBIA

YES TO ABSTAIN: BRUNEI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

YES TO ABSENT: MAURITIUS

ABSENT TO ABSTAIN: ST LUCIA

THOSE WHO VOTED WITH US AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WERE SRI LANKA, BELIZE, OMAN AND GAMBIA.

4. EVEN IF THE RESULT WAS ONLY marginally better for us on paper, it was the first time that the ARGENTINES HAD LOST VOTES AND THUS SOME MOMENTUM IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE SHOCK WAS WRITTEN ON THE FACE OF THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO UNEXPECTEDLY SPOKE TO COUNTERACT MY FINAL SPEECH, THEN ATTENDED THE VOTE ITSELF. THROUGHOUT, THE MOOD IN THE ASSEMBLY WAS ONE OF MILD FRUSTRATION AT THIS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AND OF HOPE, EVEN AMONG OUR SUPPORTERS AND ABSTAINERS, THAT SOMEHOW BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA COULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SETTLING THINGS BETWEEN THEM

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