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RE: Disarmament

Re DELGA's 22 and 92 from New York and DEPTTEL 277 to New York rptd info Paris, Mission requested contact FONOFF and request clarification French position re Irish Resolution re disarmament.

As indicated REFDEPTTEL, we still hopeful it may be possible either take action on Irish resolution or include concept of Irish res within framework omnibus resolution. However, if this not possible we believe res as presently drafted can be supported as referral resolution without taking position substance. We also believe that indicating to Irish at this time that we can support res will prevent further efforts to tinker with text which could result in less satisfactory resolution, especially if Irish feel only alternative is seek principal support from neutralist bloc. In addition continued French opposition could result in pressure for serious substantive debate on resolution which would in long run clearly not be in interest US or French. US would prefer avoid appearance Western split this innocuous resolution, which might result if French maintain inclination abstain.

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DEPT hopeful FONOFF will reconsider and instruct their UN DEL be prepared debate minimize/this res and vote affirmatively possibly making statement similar to that which we plan make emphasizing we consider resolution a referral type resolution and that

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and that our vote supports procedure rather than substance. FYI DEPT will use above line with French here. END FYI

Mission requested inform DEPT and USUN soonest results approach.

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