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SUBJECT: EC MEETING WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS

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2. IRISH AMBASSADOR O'SULLIVAN DEBRIEFED EUR DAS KELLY ON FORMER'S JULY 10 MEETING WITH COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROPOSED SEPTEMBER MEETING BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS. SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE O'SULLIVAN COMMUNITY, THE TWO APPLICANTS, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, WOULD ALSO BE INVITED BOTH BECAUSE OF THEIR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR PARTICULAR TIES TO LATIN AMERICA.

O'SULLIVAN SAID THAT AS DESCRIBED BY THE COSTA RICAN, THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE POLITICAL BUT RATHER CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. THE LATTER HAVE, HOWEVER, AN INESCAPABLE IMPACT ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION. O'SULLIVAN SAID THAT WHAT THE CENTRAL AMERICANS APPEAR TO BE SEEKING IS SOME SORT OF PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORTS FROM THE REGION INTO THE COMMUNITY. IN THAT REGARD, O'SULLIVAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT US PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AS PART OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE. KELLY OFFERED TO PROVIDE A PAPER FOR COMMUNITY USE ON THE US ARRANGEMENTS.

4. KELLY REITERATED TO O'SULLIVAN THAT THE US VIEWED THE EC CENTRAL AMERICAN MEETING AS A POSITIVE EVENT. .AS THE DATE FOR THE MEETING APPROACHES, WE WILL WANT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE IRISH IN THEIR CAPACITY AS EC PRESIDENT TO SHARE VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CENTRAL

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AMERICA. O'SULLIVAN AGREED THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WILL BE USEFUL IN PREPARING THE COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP. DAM BT #4453

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