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SUMMARY

1. Comments on latest US draft. Full text should be shown to French (and other P5) as soon as possible.

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2. Thank you for TUR and the faxed copy of the latest US text. The new OP1 bis mirrors the language in OP10 of the original UK/US draft. Our view of OP1 bis is that, like OP1, it cannot be read as authorising the use of force, taking into account the draft resolution as a whole, including OP10, which gives a clear indication that further action will be for the Council.

3. We continue to believe that the US should show the full text to the French and other members of the P5 as soon as possible. Ideally, as we have been saying, the US should show the full text to the French in advance of a P5 meeting. Nevertheless, it is welcome that the US intend to have a P5 discussion later today, with the prospect of circulation to the E10 tomorrow or shortly after.

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