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SUBJECT: ARENA LEADERS REJECT FMLN PROPOSAL

REF: SAN SALVADOR 6952

1. (U) ARENA LEADERS REJECTED THE MOST RECENT FMLN PROPOSAL (REFTEL) IN STATEMENTS MADE MAY 30. PRESIDENT-ELECT ALFREDO CRISTIANI CALLED THE PROPOSAL "A GAME," SAYING THAT THE FMLN IS ANNOUNCING A NEW PROPOSAL WITH DIFFERENT CONDITIONS EVERY WEEK. HE ADDED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NONETHELESS CONTINUE TO PURSUE PEACE FOR THE COUNTRY AND THAT HE WILL LAY OUT HIS ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL FOR PEACE ON JUNE 1, THE DAY HE OFFICIALLY TAKES OFFICE.

2. (U) VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT FRANCISCO MERINO
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LABELLED THE PROPOSAL "ILLOGICAL AND ABSURD." SAN SALVADOR MAYOR ARMANDO CALDERON SOL, PRESIDENT OF ARENA, SAID THAT THERE CANNOT BE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FMLN OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONSTITUTION. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ OBSERVED THAT ARENA WILL NOT BE THREATENED INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. (C) COMMENT: THE COMMENTS BY ARENA LEADERS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR STATEMENTS ON PREVIOUS FMLN

PROPOSALS. THE BIG QUESTION NOW IS WHAT CRISTIANI
WILL SAY ABOUT DIALOGUE IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH.

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