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4. YOU SHOULD GO ON TO STRESS THAT DEFERRAL OF RECOGNITION DECISION WAS NOT PREVENTED US FROM RESPONDING POSITIVELY AND CONCRETELY TO NEEDS OF BANGLADESH FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE, DETAILS OF WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY CONVEYED TO SAMAD. FROM PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS YOU ARE ALSO CLEAR THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER AS NECESSARY ON RELIEF MATTERS.

5. RE STATUS OF BENGALIS IN WEST, YOU SHOULD REAFFIRM TO SAMAD THAT FROM BEGINNING OF CRISIS US HAS BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT TREATMENT OF ALL MINORITIES. WE WILL BE ALERT TO ANY APPROPRIATE ROLE WE CAN PLAY IN ENSURING PROTECTION OF BENGALIS.

6. IN CLOSING, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT US HAS APPRECIATED GOBD UNDERSTANDING TO DATE OF USG'S NEED FOR TIME IN REACHING DECISION ON RECOGNITION.

7. NOTING SAMAD'S OFFER TO KEEP YOUR REMARKS IN CONFIDENCE, YOU SHOULD SEEK FROM HIM AN UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR CONVERSATION WILL BE SO TREATED AND SHARED ONLY WITH MUJIB.

8. IN VIEW OF GENERAL NATURE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S APPROACH AND COMPELLING REASONS HERE, YOU MUST LIMIT YOURSELF STRICTLY TO ABOVE. YOU ARE TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO RPT NO COMMENT TO PRESS ON TIMING OR CONDITIONS OF RECOGNITION. IRWIN

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