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SUBJ: KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER ON ARAB SUMMITS AND SOMALIS

1. ON RETURN TO KUWAIT MARCH 17 FROM SIX DAY TRIP TO DAMASCUS AND CAIRO GOK FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH AL AHMAD TOLD LOCAL PRESS:

A) HE HAD DELIVERED MESSAGES FROM AMRI TO SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTS, BOTH OF WHOM HAD AGREED TO AT END ARAB SUMMIT TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF ARAB WORLD;

B) LOCAL RUMORS THAT SADAT AND ASSAD WOULD MEET IN MINI-SUMMIT IN KUWAIT AT TIME OF KING KHALID'S MARCH 21 VISIT WERE "FALSE AND BASELESS";

C) ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN CAIRO HAD AGREED TO PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WITH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN DAKAR ON APRIL 19 TO PREPARE FOR FULL AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT;

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D) MINISTERS HAD FAILED TO AGREE ON NEW DATE OR PLACE FOR EIGHTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MOGADISCIO LAST YEAR; AND,

E) KUWAIT, ALONG WITH ALGERIA, JORDAN AND LIBYA, HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH APPROACH TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT LOOKING TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE AFARS AND ISSA DISPUTE WITH SOMALIA -- WITH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED SUPPORTING FULL INDEPENDENCE OF SOMALI COAST, A REFERENDUM BY FRANCE IN TERRITORY AND STATING ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST SOMALIA WOULD BE REGARDED AS AGGRESSION AGAINST ALL ARAB STATES.

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