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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON DANISH PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION

1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON  
THE RESOLUTION ON SHIP VISITS ADOPTED BY THE DANISH  
PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY DISTRESSED OVER THE  
IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO UNITY AND COOPERATION OF THE  
RESOLUTION PASSED APRIL 14 BY THE DANISH FOLKETING. THAT

RESOLUTION REQUIRES THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK TO INFORM  
VISITING NAVAL VESSELS SPECIFICALLY OF DENMARK'S POLICY OF  
NOT ACCEPTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON DENMARK'S TERRITORY,  
INCLUDING HARBORS. THE U. S. HAS A LONGSTANDING POLICY  
NEITHER TO CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS ABOARD ITS SHIPS. THIS POLICY IS CENTRAL TO THE  
U. S. ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS NATO COMMITMENTS. WE ARE NOT  
GOING TO CHANGE IT.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLKETING RESOLUTION APPROVED APRIL  
14 IN A WAY WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE U. S. NCND POLICY  
WOULD UNDERCUT THE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE POLICY ON WHICH  
NATO'S SECURITY IS BASED. IT WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY SERIOUS  
CONSEQUENCES FOR U. S. /DANISH DEFENSE COOPERATION. THIS IS  
NOT ONLY OR PRINCIPALLY A U. S. /DANISH ISSUE. IT GOES TO  
THE VERY HEART OF THE MEANING AND INTERLOCKING NATURE OF  
OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENTS WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE.  
THEREFORE, THE U. S. WILL WISH TO REVIEW TOGETHER WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND ITS OTHER NATO ALLIES THE  
IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NATO ALLIANCE AND  
CONTINUED DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH DENMARK.

END TEXT. SHULTZ

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