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et McKean; Reason 1.4 (b) and (d) 1

(C) In a February 29 meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tra
de (MFAT) Europe Division Director, George Kroup, and Europe Policy Offic
er Kate Russell, Pol/Econ Counselor outlined planning for an upcoming don
ors conference regarding Kosovo, provided the needs table included in ref
tel A, and encouraged the GNZ to respond positively to an invitation to t
he conference

Kroup reminded Pol/Econ Counselor that the GNZ's stance towards Kosovo
remains tentative

He referred to an earlier exchange between DCM and MFAT Deputy Secretary
Hamilton (Reftel B), adding that the paper on Kosovo is with the Prime
Minister

Any decision regarding possible assistance to Kosovo would emanate from t
he PM's office, Kroup noted, adding that he does not know how long that m
ight take

Pol/Econ Counselor asked if the GNZ would consider sending an official from their EU mission Brussels to observe in June
Kroup demurred, saying it was possible that New Zealand may not be present

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(C) Comment: The issue of Kosovo's independence is sensitive enough that direction from the Prime Minister's office will be necessary before MFAT can make any decisions regarding related issues surrounding Kosovo

Even an

observer at a donor meeting could be perceived as tacit endorsement of Kosovo's independent status

MFAT officials have promised to keep the Embassy apprised of any developments

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