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COUNTRY: (U) **ARGENTINA (AR)**; UNITED KINGDOM (UK).

SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 /CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE JOINT STAFF LAYS OUT HIS TOP THREE PRIORITIES (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF LAID OUT THE TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR THE JOINT STAFF -- OBTAINING FUNDING FOR JOINT EXERCISES, CONVINCING SERVICE CHIEFS THAT JOINT OPERATIONS ARE SMART, AND FORMULATING AND PROMULGATING JOINT DOCTRINE.

TEXT: 1. (U) DURING A MEETING WITH A HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL, LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARIO CANDIDO ((DIAZ)) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARGENTINE JOINT STAFF, LAID OUT THE TOP THREE PRIORITIES OF THE JOINT STAFF. (FIELD COMMENT. AN ARGENTINE ARMY (ARGARM) LIEUTENANT GENERAL IS EQUIVALENT TO U.S. ARMY FOUR STAR GENERAL).

2. (U) THE FIRST PRIORITY OF THE JOINT STAFF IS TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE FUNDING TO PERFORM JOINT EXERCISES. NO MONEY EXISTS TO TRAIN IN A JOINT ENVIRONMENT.

3. (U) THE SECOND PRIORITY IS TO CONVINCING THE SERVICE CHIEFS THAT OPERATING JOINTLY MAXIMIZES THE

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CAPABILITIES OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY. GENERAL DIAZ CITED A LACK OF COMMITMENT TO JOINT DOCTRINE BY THE SERVICE CHIEFS AS A SERIOUS DETRACTOR TO JOINT OPERATIONS.

4. (U) THE THIRD PRIORITY IS TO FORMULATE AND PROMULGATE JOINT DOCTRINE. THE ARGENTINE JOINT STAFF IS LAGGING IN THE PRODUCTION OF JOINT DOCTRINE, AND CONSEQUENTLY, FUTURE OPERATIONS IN A JOINT ENVIRONMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERTAKE.

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