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SUBJ EL SALVADOR AMNESTY LAW. (U)

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TEXT 1. (U) ON 4 MAY, THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AN AMNESTY LAW THAT COULD MAKE AS MANY AS HALF OF EL SALVADOR'S 730 POLITICAL PRISONERS ELIGIBLE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE AMNESTY APPLIES TO EXILES, ARMED INSURGENTS, AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. IT IS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT ON 12 MAY AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR 60 DAYS. THE LAW HAS TWO PARTS AMNESTY AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 3, THOSE IN ARMED OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT PRESENTLY DETAINED MAY TURN THEMSELVES IN (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c) NOR WILL THEY BE CHARGED WITH CRIMES AFTER THE FACT. THE AMNESTY ALSO WILL APPLY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS WITH CRIMES WHOSE PENALTIES DO NOT EXCEED 4 YEARS AND WHO HAVE SPENT AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN PRISON. (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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THE AMNESTY EXCLUDES THOSE GUILTY OF MURDER, KIDNAPING, OR RAPE.

3. ~~(C)~~ BEFORE THE AMNESTY CAN GO INTO EFFECT, AN AMNESTY BOARD AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO BE FORMED -- (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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ORIGINAL AMNESTY PROPOSAL EXPLICITLY EXCLUDED THE ARMED FORCES FROM A ROLE IN THE AMNESTY, BUT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CHANGED THE LAW TO INCLUDE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE REHABILITATION COMMITTEE. (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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4. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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