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Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 6:56 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: FAO Budget

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See b/l

Let me know when you are up - going for a run now

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 06:52 AM
To: Cousin, Ertharin; Brimmer, Esther D; Shannon, Thomas A
Cc: Zuniga, Ricardo F; Chapman, Todd C; Huang, Cindy Y; Shrier, Jonathan; Cousens, Elizabeth (USUN)
Subject: Re: FAO Budget

Okay - this helps and it means they b/l they have the votes.

[Redacted]

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Subject: Re: FAO Budget

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has asked to speak with our head of delegation.

The foreign minister 1.4(B)
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Sent: Fri Jun 24 20:32:43 2011
Subject: RE: FAO Budget

What are folks thought on how we should approach this?

From: Brimmer, Esther D
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 2:01 PM
To: Cousin, Ertharin; Mills, Cheryl D; Shannon, Thomas A

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This. May be a microcosm of the overall problem. Capital is positive, caandidate diffclut--but the potential for cooperation great.

From: Cousin, Ertharin
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 01:40 PM
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Okay I just had a pull aside with the foreign minister. He talked about the importance of Brazil and the US working together, acknowledged the importance of decentralization while protecting the Rome work and underlined his belief that the US leading the WFP with Brazil at the helm of the FAO represents a strong combination. He was not willing to commit to Brazil's support for a no growth budget. He said the leadership and membership will need to decide the budget level. He then stated that decentralization over time may require additional budget support. He recognized the need for budget restraint but would not commit to a no growth core budget.

He suggested that I talk with the candidate. [REDACTED]

I then cornered the candidate [REDACTED]

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For the record this reception is the best attended of any event so far...however when talking with a group of the African reps one said "I feel like a man with two wives I must visit them equally" as they all headed out the door to the Spanish candidate's reception.

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Sent: Fri Jun 24 18:25:57 2011
Subject: RE: FAO Budget

Not sure what this means vis-à-vis what we asked for in terms of their commitment and I am increasingly worried we are not going to get what we need by way of assurances public and otherwise given that it is now 5:30pm in Rome . . .

From: Shannon, Thomas A
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 11:13 AM
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Subject: FAO Budget

Vera Machado called me back regarding the Brazilian comments on budget efficiencies. She said that Brazil does want to achieve efficiencies in the budget and its implementation. She noted that Brazil is now the tenth largest contributor to the FAO budget, and that it had an interest in holding the line on spending and getting the most for its investment. While she noted that budget issues have to be handled with care, she said that increasing hunger in the world meant that the FAO had to use its money better and more wisely.

She said she was still trying to communicate with the Foreign Minister and Graziano da Silva, and would get back to me as soon as she had spoken with them.