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Foreign Affairs L.A.**

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To: Foreign affairs aide
From: Abraham Niziblian, Government Affairs Director
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Re: *U.S. General praises U.S.-Armenia military cooperation*

I wanted to share with you the praise for Armenia's participation in Coalition operations in Iraq from a senior U.S. military official following his talks in Yerevan with Armenia's Minister of Defense. Armenia has agreed to provide medical personnel, de-miners, and a unit of trucks to support the U.S.-led coalition.

“The United States is proud to have Armenia as a friend in the war on terrorism and, in the future, in the recovery and reconstruction of Iraq”

-- Major-General Jeffery Kohler,
director of plans and policy at the
U.S. European Command

General Kohler, who is based in the German city of Stuttgart, also expressed the appreciation of the United States for Armenia's contribution last month of military forces to the NATO-led peace-keeping force in Kosovo, Armenia's first-ever military mission abroad. “The Armenian people should be very proud of how they perform,” he said.

In two related matters: 1) the Armenian Parliament has ratified an agreement setting rules for the presence of NATO forces on its soil under the alliance's Partnership for Peace program, and; 2) a U.S. Department of Defense office has opened at the U.S. Embassy in Armenia to help coordinate military aid and cooperation.

***Looking forward to seeing you at the Capitol Hill Observance
of the Armenian Genocide on Wednesday, April 28th from
5:30 to 8:30pm in the Cannon Caucus Room, 345 CHOB.***

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