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CUBA SAYS U.N RIGHTS VOTE VICTORY FOR LATIN AMERICA
HAVANA, MAR 10, REUTER - A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TOLD REUTER THURSDAY THAT THE APPROVAL OF A HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY MEXICO, COLOMBIA, PERU AND ARGENTINA BEFORE THE U.N HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA +WAS A VICTORY FOR LATIN AMERICA.+

THE SPOKESMAN, OMAR MENDOZA, WAS OBVIOUSLY GRATIFIED BY THE U.S. WITHDRAWEL OF ITS OWN RESOLUTION WHICH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD BATTLED VIGOUROUSLY.

MENDOZA, SMLING, SAID THAT +THE VOTE IS PROOF THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NPOT BE SO ARROGANT.+

THE LATIN AMERICAN PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY IN GENEVA, BACKED A CUBAN INVITATION TO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ALIONE SENE OF SENEGAL, TO VISIT HAVANA TO LOOK INTO THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE ISLAND.

THE LATIN AMERICAN RESOLUTION, WHICH AIMED AT BLOCKING THE MORE STRONGLY WORDED U.S. RESOLUTION, WAS CALLED +A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE+ BY A LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IN HAVANA.

JOSE VIERA, CUBAN VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD REUTER WEDNESDAY THAT THE U.S. RESOLLUTION WAS +MORE IN THE NATURE OF A POLITICAL VENDETTA THAN A SHOW OF TRUE INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS.+
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