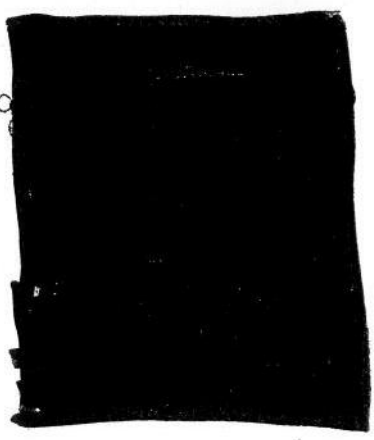


From: [REDACTED]
Date: 17 July 2000

cc: [REDACTED] MED
DESC

To: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ARMS FROM QATAR: PRESS LINE



1. The FCO has not yet received a request for an ELA from [REDACTED]. We have received one from [REDACTED]. No decision on this issue has been made. All ELA will be considered in the light of the EU Code of Conduct. We have opened a dialogue with the Qatari authorities to clarify end-user and other relevant issues connected to this non-lethal equipment. Ministers are aware of the human rights situation in [REDACTED] and will consider each request for an ELA to [REDACTED] on its merits.

