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ACTION MEMO FOR UNDER SECRETARY BULATAO (M)

FROM: BUREAU 3 Test User
SUBJECT: United States Responds to Irregularities in Bolivia's Presidential Election

BLUF: The United States believes that the Bolivian people have the right to choose their leaders in free and fair elections. This right is enshrined in the Inter-U.S. Democratic Charter and in the Bolivian constitution.

Recommendation(s)

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Deadline to Approve or Disapprove: 01/09/2020

Background

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Attachment(s):

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