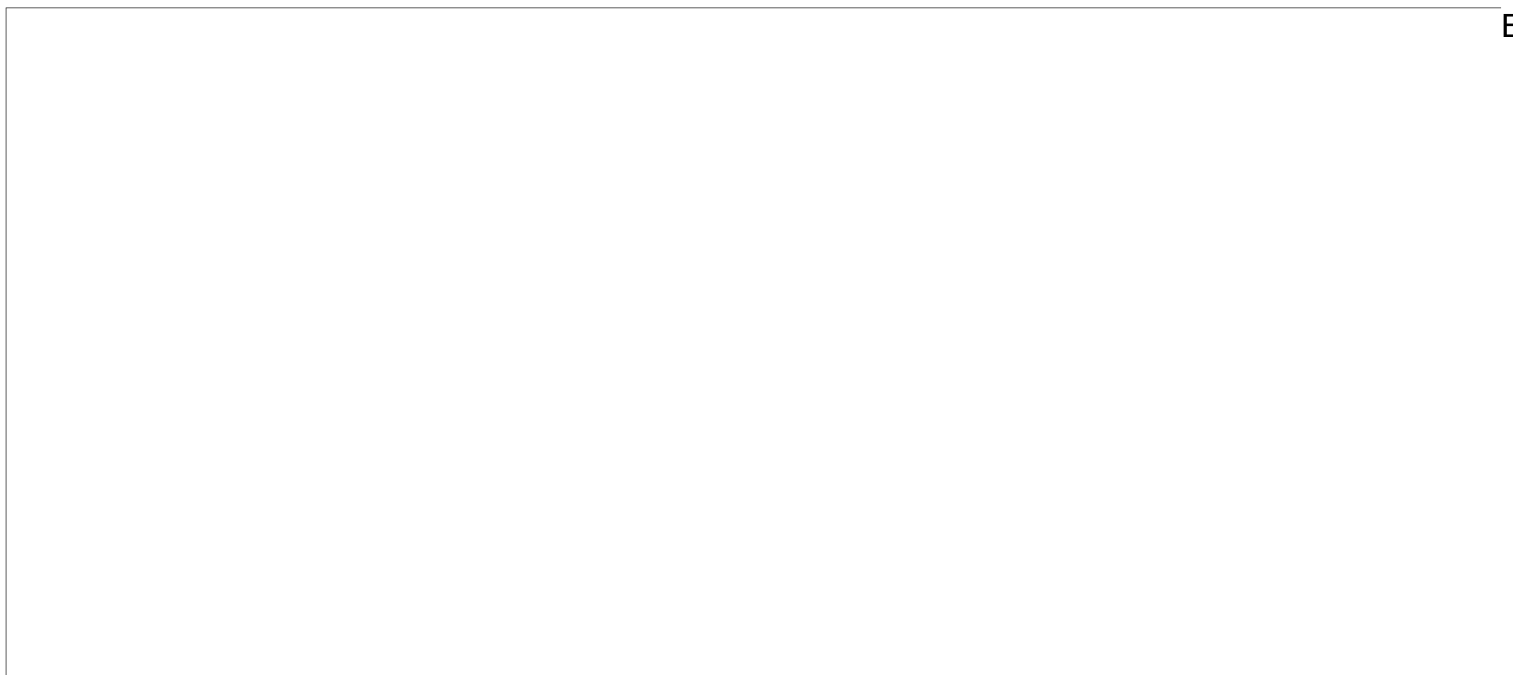

From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2012 12:11 PM
To: H
Subject: Turkey statement

We are proposing to issue the following statement in your name. Below it is the statement Hague put out a short while ago. We are trying to match in toughness without going over the top. Please let me know if it works or if you think we need to make it stronger?

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Hague statement

I am gravely concerned by the Syrian regime's action in shooting down a Turkish military plane on June 22.

When I spoke to Turkish Foreign Minister (Ahmet) Davutoglu on 23 June, he told me that the plane had been shot down without warning.

This outrageous act underlines how far beyond accepted behaviour the Syrian regime has put itself and I condemn it wholeheartedly.

My thoughts and sympathies are with the families and friends of the missing Turkish pilots. I have made clear to Foreign Minister Davutoglu the UK's strong support for the Turkish government at this difficult time.

The Assad regime should not make the mistake of believing that it can act with impunity. It will be held to account for its behaviour. The UK stands ready to pursue robust action at the United Nations Security Council.

This deplorable incident underlines the urgent need to find a solution to the current crisis in Syria in order to bring an end to the violence and to achieve a genuine political transition. We support the Joint UN and Arab League Special Envoy's continuing efforts on this."

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