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#### **ROK OPPOSITION FIGURE WANTS RENEGOTIATED FREE TRADE DEAL**

(SBU) Democratic Party leader Sohn Hak-kyu said the agreement was unacceptable in its current form because it unfairly favored the U.S. auto industry, according to press. Embassy Seoul comments it is unlikely Sohn would actually block ratification if the U.S. Congress passes the treaty. (Ops/Embassy Seoul e-mail, Reuters)

#### **LEBANESE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL PRESIDENT RESIGNS**

(SBU) Antonio Cassese served as the president of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) since 2009 and will be replaced by New Zealand judge Sir David Baragwanath, media report. Embassy The Hague comments the resignation was not expected until early 2012 and is most likely due to illness. As Baragwanath does not have much international tribunal experience, Cassese might continue to exert influence on the STL because he will remain an appeals judge for the tribunal. (Ops/Embassy The Hague telcon and e-mail, The Daily Star)

#### **JAPAN WANTS G20 TO DEBATE STEPS TO FIX EUROZONE DEBT**

(SBU) Finance Minister Azumi also repeated Tokyo's readiness to buy more Eurozone bonds in support of global efforts to stabilize markets, but only on the condition Europe agrees to resolve its debt crisis, according

to press. Embassy Tokyo comments while Japan purchases European debt as a normal part of its foreign exchange reserves, it recently made public statements to bolster confidence in global markets. *(Ops/Embassy Tokyo e-mail, Reuters)*

### **MEXICAN DRUG-RELATED DEATHS SURPASS 10,000 IN 2011**

(SBU) Four of Mexico's 32 states – Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon, Guerrero, and Sinaloa – accounted for more than half the killings, media report. Embassy Mexico City comments the figures receive widespread media attention and complicate the political prospects of President Calderon's ruling party in the upcoming 2012 elections. *(Ops/Embassy Mexico City telcon and e-mail, Latin American Herald Tribune)*

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