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PRO-KURDISH PARTY ENDS BOYCOTT OF TURKISH PARLIAMENT

(SBU) The Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) deputies, who had refused to take their parliamentary oaths in June to protest the continued imprisonment of six colleagues, will join parliament October 1, media report. Embassy Ankara comments the BDP's return signals the party's conclusion its cause would be better served by working within the system, particularly given the upcoming process to rewrite Turkey's constitution. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail, Hurriyet Daily News)

CHINA AND SOUTH AFRICA AGREE TO ENHANCED COOPERATION

(SBU) The Chinese and South African vice presidents signed deals on mineral resources and finance in Beijing, according to press. Embassy Pretoria comments South Africa is particularly focused on financing its infrastructure investment program. Embassy Beijing adds China might be promoting increased economic cooperation to influence South Africa's decision on whether to issue a visa to the Dalai Lama. (Ops/Embassy Pretoria e-mail, Ops/Embassy Beijing e-mail, Xinhua News)

DUTCH TO PARTICIPATE IN NATO MISSILE SHIELD

(SBU) The Netherlands will deploy four ships with modernized radar systems at a cost of \$135 to \$340 million, media report. The U.S. Mission to NATO comments the contribution is an important sign of the Dutch commitment to NATO, particularly given significant cuts in Dutch defense spending. Embassy The Hague adds the decision to participate was palatable to the public as the system is defensive in nature. *(Ops/Embassy The Hague telcon, Ops/USNATO e-mail, NIS News)*

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