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FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJ: SOLIDARITY DAY
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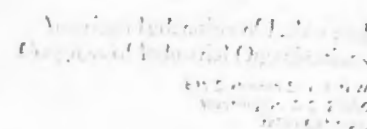
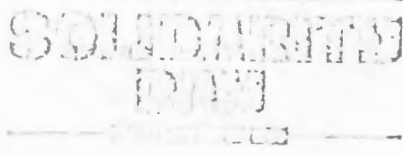
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FACT SHEET ON SOLIDARITY DAY

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