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(U//FOUO) Silent Success: SIGINT Synergy Helps Shape US Foreign Policy

At the outset of these lengthy negotiations, NSA had sustained collection against France

Japan, Mexico, Brazil

In late spring 2010, eleven branches across five Product Lines teamed with NSA enablers to provide the most current and accurate information to USUN and other customers on how UNSC members would vote on the Iran Sanctions Resolution. Noting that Iran continued its non-compliance with previous UNSC resolutions concerning its nuclear program, the UN imposed further sanctions on 9 June 2010. SIGINT was key in keeping USUN informed of how the other members of the UNSC would vote.

NSA's outstanding tactical support could not have had such significant impact without the herculean efforts of NSA's Representative to USUN, who delivered SIGINT product and pre-publication tippers, often just in time for consultations, and provided feedback to NSA analysts to further guide production and prioritization.

NSA analysts and linguists worked extra hours (including weekends), collaborating and sharing information freely among the Product Lines to ensure that USUN received the most accurate information in time to make a difference.

The resolution was adopted by twelve votes for, two against (Brazil and Turkey), and one abstention from Lebanon. According to USUN, SIGINT "helped me to know when the other Permreps [Permanent Representatives] were telling the truth.... revealed their real position on sanctions... gave us an upper hand in negotiations... and provided information on various countries 'red lines.'"