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1. (S) SUMMARY. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta (SecDef) hosted Turkish Minister of National Defense Ismet Yilmaz in the Pentagon on November 1, 2011. They discussed the October 23 Turkish earthquake and ongoing recovery efforts: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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relations with Israel.

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SecDef said that the United States was ready to provide further assistance to Turkey's earthquake recovery, and Yilmaz said he would check to see what additional assistance might be helpful. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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though he noted the hurdles to this posed by negative Turkey-Israel relations.

SecDef also said he would continue to work with Israeli Minister of Defense Barak to push for an Israeli apology that could move Turkey beyond the events aboard the Mavi Marmara in May 2010. END

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3. (S) ISRAEL. SecDef said that he is concerned by the deterioration of relations between Turkey and Israel, and had raised this concern several times with Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak. SecDef said he had tried to be helpful in trying to get Barak to provide an apology, recognizing that an apology may be necessary for Turkey to move beyond the events of May 2010 aboard

the Mavi Marmara. SecDef said he was still working with Barak at this time, and that there was a chance an apology could be issued by him. Yilmaz thanked the U.S. for continued efforts to push Israel for an apology. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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