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UNCLAS NEW DELHI 002973 SIPDIS DRL/MLGA LYNN SICADE E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: PHUM PREL BT IN SUBJECT: IRAN NO-ACTION MOTION: BHUTAN TO ABSTAIN, INDIA LIKELY TO VOTE YES REF: SECSTATE 117881 [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/08newdelhi2973#par1) 1. (SBU) After a full-court press by numerous mission officials, Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigme Thinley told the Ambassador on November 20 that the RGOB would again abstain on the Iran no-action motion despite pressure from fellow Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) states, especially Iran. Post views the absentions as a continuation of Bhutan's gradual show of independence in the international community, particularly by not voting with India. [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/08newdelhi2973#par2) 2. (SBU) Unfortunately, Post did not enjoy the same success with the GOI. Under Secretary for UN-Political Vishwesh Negi told Poloff that the GOI has no official response to reftel. Post notes that voting decisions such as these are often made by India's Permanent Representative in New York. Post believes it is unlikely that the GOI will change its vote from last year. WHITE