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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF ARGENTINE STATEMENT: BEGINS:

AT THE MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK ON 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY?, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA AND GREAT BRITAIN CONSIDERED AN ARGENTINE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH A PRE-ESTABLISHED AGENDA, PRE-ARRANGED MEETING PLACE, AND LED BY TOP-LEVEL OFFICIALS. THE AIM OF SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE GENUINELY TO SPEED UP TO THE MAXIMUM THE NEGOTIATIONS IN TRAIN TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, AND BY THIS MEANS TO ACHEIVE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS WITHIN A TIME WHICH AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE SHORT.

ARGENTINA HAS NEGOTIATED WITH GREAT BRITAIN OVER THE SOLUTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE OVER THE ISLANDS WITH PATIENCE, LOYALTY AND GOOD FAITH FOR OVER 15 YEARS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK INDICATED BY THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS. THE NEW SYSTEM CONSTITUTES AN EFFECTIVE STEP FOR THE EARLY SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE. HOWEVER, SHOULD THIS NOT OCCUR, ARGENTINA RESERVES TO TERMINATE THE WORKING OF THIS MECHANISM AND TO CHOOSE FREELY THE PROCEDURE WHICH BEST ACCORDS WITH HER INTERESTS.

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