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AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

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ORIGINAL UNITED STATES DRAFT PROPOSALS

Note by the Secretaries
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The attached draft document was tabled by the United States Secretary of State, Mr Haig, during his talks at 10 Downing Street on 12 April. A revised version of it, as agreed between him and British Ministers at the conclusion of the 12 April talks, is being circulated separately as OD(SA)(82) 10.

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1. On the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution No 502 and recalling relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, Argentina and the United Kingdom have agreed on the following steps, which form an integrated whole.

2. All military and security forces shall be withdrawn from the islands and agreed surrounding areas within a short period of time, but not later than two weeks from the date of this agreement.

3. After the date of this agreement and pending a definitive settlement, no military or security force shall be introduced into the islands or surrounding areas. All forces that have been deployed in connection with the current controversy shall be returned to their normal operating areas.

4. The United Kingdom, Argentina and the United States shall each appoint a representative to constitute a Special Commission which shall provide observers to verify compliance with the obligations in the preceding paragraphs.

5. On an interim basis, all decisions, laws and regulations adopted by the local administration on the islands shall be submitted to and expeditiously ratified by the Special Commission, except in the event that the Special Commission deems such decisions, laws or regulations to be inconsistent with the purposes of this agreement or its implementation. The traditional local administration shall continue, including the Executive and Legislative Councils, which would be enlarged to include representatives of the Argentine population resident on the islands. The Special Commission shall fly the flag of each of its constituent members at its headquarters.

6. Henceforth travel, transportation, communications and all trade between the mainland and the islands shall be facilitated and promoted, and the Special Commission shall make specific recommendations.

7. Within a short period of time, but not later than two weeks from the date of this agreement, steps shall be taken to terminate the economic and financial measures adopted in connection with the current controversy, including restrictions relating to travel, transportation, communications, and transfers

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of funds between the two countries. Likewise, the United Kingdom shall request third countries that have adopted similar measures to terminate them by that date.

8. 31 December 1982, will conclude the interim period, and during this period the conditions of the definitive status of the islands shall be negotiated, consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations Charter.

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