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THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO GIVE RESOLUTE IMPETUS TO THE FORMAL PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION INTENDED TO RESOLVE IN CONCLUSIVE MANNER OUR COUNTRY'S CLAIM TO THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

THIS INVITATION WAS ISSUED IN A NOTE WHICH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP DR CAMILION ADDRESSED TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS, TODAY.

ON THIS SUBJECT, THE EXCHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE RENEWAL OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN 1977 HAVE SERVED TO CLARIFY THE RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW IN GENERAL TERMS. HOWEVER, IT IS EVIDENT THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN - IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2065 (XX) OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NEGOTATIONS OF WHICH THE SUBSTANCE WAS CLEARLY DEFINED AS BEING THE DISPUTE OVER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARCHIPELAGOS.

MEANWHILE, THE SYSTEM OF OPENING UP COMMUNICATIONS, SET IN MOTION WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION OF 1971, HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND EXPANDED BY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITIES. EVEN THOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE POPULATION IN A VERY SIGNIFICANT WAY, IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS NOT HAD THE HOPED-FOR SUCCESS IN ITS FUNDAMENTAL AIMS OF CONTRIBUTING TO MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND COMPREHENSION AND THEREBY ASSISTING WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BECAUSE OF THE ISOLATION IN WHICH THE ISLANDERS LIVE, THERE IS MUCH IGNORANCE IN THE ISLANDS ABOUT THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND WHAT GOES ON IN THE CONTINENTAL PART OF OUR TERRITORY. THIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE BECOMES AN OBSTACLE TO THE ADVANCE OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS INSOFAR AS NOT MERELY THE INTERESTS BUT RATHER THE WISHES OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE MALVINAS MAY BE PUT FORWARD AS A PERMANENT ARGUMENT IN ORDER TO OBSTRUCT PROGRESS OF ANY KIND. ARGENTINA,

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WITH ALL DUE RESPECT FOR THE ISLAND INTERESTS OF COURSE MAINTAINS THAT THE DISCUSSION OVER SOVEREIGNTY IS A BILATERAL RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AS IS RECOGNISED BY THE UN. THERE ARE IN PRACTICE ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES: EFFECTIVE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PART OF OUR TERRITORY OCCUPIED TODAY BY THE UNITED KINGDOM, OR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, THAT IS TO SAY BRITISH CONTROL OF THE ISLANDS AS A COLONIAL DEPENDENCY.

TO THE POLITICAL AND MORAL FRUSTRATION WHICH THIS UNJUST STATE OF AFFAIRS PROVOKES IN THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE MUST BE ADDED THE INCONGRUITY WHICH FLOWS FROM THE FAILURE TO EXPLOIT THE ISLAND'S RESOURCES, INDISPENSABLE IN A WORLD CRYING OUT FOR ENERGY AND FOOD. ALL THIS IS HIGHLY IRRATIONAL AND NO-ONE CAN SERIOUSLY MAINTAIN THAT THE STATUS QUO (UNDERLINED) CAN BE FURTHER PROLONGED.

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE CONSIDERS THAT THE ACCELERATION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MALVINAS, WITH RESOLUTION AND WITH CLEAR OBJECTIVES IN VIEW, HAS BECOME AN UNPOSTPONABLE PRIORITY FOR ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

THE NOTE SENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM EMPHASISES THE URGENCY OF RESOLVING THE PROBLEM, WHICH IS COMPLEX AND WHICH REQUIRES A GLOBAL APPROACH, IN WHICH ALL ITS ASPECTS MUST BE CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN THIS RESPECT, THE BASIC STANDPOINTS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ARE:

1. THE REAFFIRMATION OF OUR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL POSITION THAT ALL REALISTIC NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS ASSUME THE RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THOSE ARCHIPELAGOS AS THE ESSENTIAL POINT IN ANY SOLUTION.
2. THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT REITERATES ITS PLEDGE TO RESPECT THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDS' INHABITANTS.
3. THAT THE PRESERVATION OF THESE INTERESTS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND TRADITIONS.
4. THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF ACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATIONS, ARGENTINA WILL CONTINUE PROVIDING TO THE ISLAND POPULATION THE SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED AND WHICH BEGAN IN 1971. THESE SERVICES, WHICH TODAY ARE PROVIDED IN VARIOUS FIELDS, AND WHICH COULD BE INCREASED, REQUIRE EVIDENCE OF A POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF BRITAIN TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS IF THEY ARE NOT TO BECOME STERILE EXERCISES AS FAR AS A FINAL SOLUTION IS CONCERNED.

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5. THAT, AS THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS, THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IS READY FOR THE UN TO AFFORD SUCH GUARANTEES AS MAY BE BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE SAFEGUARDS TO THE ISLANDERS INTERESTS, INSOFAR AS SUCH SAFEGUARDS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ADDITION TO ALL THOSE OFFERED BY THE ARGENTINE JURIDICAL SYSTEM AND BY SPECIAL STATUTES THAT MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED.
6. THAT AS REGARDS THE ISLANDS' RESOURCES ARGENTINA IS READY TO ARRIVE AT PRACTICAL FORMULAE WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAID RESOURCES.

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN AN EMINENTLY REALISTIC SPIRIT AND WITH THE FULL CERTAINTY THAT THERE ARE RATIONAL AND ATTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. WITH THE SAME REALISTIC SPIRIT AND THE SAME CERTAINTY, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE. IT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ONE CAN ENTERTAIN HOPES FOR A SOLUTION INDEFINITELY, SO LONG AS THAT SOLUTION IS NOT SOUGHT IN NEGOTIATIONS OF SUFFICIENT DEPTH AND WITH THE FIRM INTENT OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT.

THERE IS A NATIONAL AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM WHICH ON THE ONE HAND ALLOWS FOR NEGOTIATION, AND WHICH ON THE OTHER BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEFER THIS QUESTION WHICH AFFECTS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL DIGNITY. UNQUOTE

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