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FALKLANDS CRISIS: MESSAGE OF THANKS

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME  
MINISTER TO HEAD OF STATE/GOVERNMENT.

'I SHOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU HOW DEEPLY GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU  
FOR THE PART YOU PLAYED IN HELPING TO SECURE COMMON ACTION BY  
THE TEN IN RESPONSE TO ARGENTINA'S SEIZURE OF THE FALKLAND  
ISLANDS. THE SPEED WITH WHICH THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN DURING A  
HOLIDAY PERIOD WAS AN IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY  
COOPERATION AT ITS BEST.'

FOR ITALY; ADD FURTHER SENTENCE:

'I KNOW THAT THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION FOR YOUR  
GOVERNMENT'.

FOR BELGIUM, ADD FOLLOWING WORDS AT END OF MESSAGE (AFTER  
~~CRISIS~~): 'AND I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE ROLE  
PLAYED IN THIS BY THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY.'

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