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 EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POLITICAL
 COMMITTEE, BRUSSELS 9 APRIL
 FALKLAND ISLANDS

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SUMMARY

1. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGREED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS
 (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)

BEGINS

- I. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE GRAVE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY ARGENTINA
 - II. IT RECALLED THAT IN THEIR DECLARATION OF 2 APRIL THE TEN HAD ALREADY CONDEMNED THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTION CONSTITUTED.
 - III. THE TEN REMAIN DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE CONTINUATION OF THIS CRISIS, WHICH ENDANGERS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THEY THEREFORE ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502 IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, NAMELY AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND A SEARCH FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.
 - IV. TO THESE ENDS, AND IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE TEN DECIDE TO TAKE A SERIES OF MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO ARGENTINA WHICH SHOULD BE PUT INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- IN THIS CONTEXT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS

OF THE TEN HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO APPLY A COMPLETE EMBARGO ON THE EXPORT OF ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ARGENTINA.

V. WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC MEASURES, THESE WILL BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TREATIES.

VI. GIVEN THAT THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES IS A CAUSE OF GRAVE CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE TEN CALL ON OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THEIR DECISIONS, SO AS TO ENSURE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502 WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY. ENDS.

2. THE PRESIDENCY HAS PASSED THIS TEXT TO COREPER AS A DOCUMENT AGREED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. IT WILL ALSO CIRCULATE IT BY COREU WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING APPROVAL FOR ITS PUBLICATION IF POSSIBLE TODAY AS A TEXT AGREED BY THE TEN FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE PRESIDENCY WILL THEN DRAW IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THIRD GOVERNMENTS (UK TO SUGGEST WHICH).

3. THE DISCUSSION IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS MARKED THROUGHOUT BY UNUSUALLY STRONG AND ENCOURAGING EXPRESSIONS OF EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO QUIBBLE ABOUT DETAIL, TO QUESTION THE COURSE OF ACTION CHOSEN BY THE UK OR TO SUGGEST 'COMPROMISES'. MANY QUOTED FROM STATEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND AND THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD KEEP THE SUBJECT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW.

DETAIL

5. POINTS MADE BY BULLARD ARE IN MIPT.

6. DYVIG (DENMARK) STRESSED THAT AS A FOREIGN POLICY MATTER ANY ACTION ON THE FALKLANDS IN THE COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK MUST BE TAKEN UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A DECISION IN POLITICAL COOPERATION.

7. PFEFFER (FRG) SAID THAT EUROPE'S COMBINED INFLUENCE SHOULD BE USED ON BEHALF OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN A CRITICAL POSITION. GENSCHER HAD ALREADY PRESSED EUROPEAN VIEWS ON THE BRAZILIANS. IF BRITAIN AND THE PRESIDENCY WANTED A MINISTERIAL MEETING, HE WAS READY.

8. KATAPODIS SAID THAT GREECE CONDEMNED ALL RECOURSE TO FORCE

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AND WOULD ACCEPT ANY MEASURES THAT ALL THE TEN COULD AGREE TO.
9. ANDREANI (FRANCE) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS BASED ON TWO ELEMENTS:-

A) THE USE OF FORCE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED, AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION MUST BE RESPECTED:

B) SOLIDARITY WITH BRITAIN AS A FRIEND, ALLY AND PARTNER.

IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF EUROPE THAT ACTION SHOULD BE CLEAR AND DECISIVE. THE TEN HAD A SOLID BASIS IN SCR 502. EACH MEMBER STATE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT CONTRIBUTION IT COULD MAKE AND BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ARGENTINA SO THAT IT WOULD BE IN HER INTERESTS TO OBEY THE RESOLUTION. THE QUESTION AT ISSUE WAS NOT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BUT THE USE OF FORCE CONDEMNED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. FRANCE HAD ALREADY MADE ITS OWN NATIONAL POSITION CLEAR. IT HAD STOPPED ALL MILITARY SUPPLIES. FRANCE WAS NOT HOWEVER IN GENERAL FAVOURABLE TO WITHDRAWING AMBASSADORS EVEN TEMPORARILY: IT BELIEVED IN KEEPING OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. FRANCE WOULD USE ALL AVAILABLE FORUMS TO REPEAT ITS CONDEMNATION OF ARGENTINA. IT WAS NOT FOR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON ECONOMIC MEASURES, BUT ANDREANI WAS IN FAVOUR OF ALL MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA WHICH COULD BE AGREED AMONG THE TEN AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER ARTICLE 224. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HEAR IN DUE COURSE WHAT WAS THE UK OVERALL STRATEGY FOR 'GETTING OUT OF THE CRISIS'. HE TOOK IT THAT PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA WAS ONLY ONE ELEMENT.

10. MCKERNAN (IRELAND) SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE IRISH POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS WAS NOT THAT OF THE UK, HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVED, AND HAD MADE CLEAR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THAT THE WORLD SHOULD BE RULED BY LAW AND NOT BY FORCE. NOR SHOULD ANYTHING BE DONE TO WEAKEN THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SOLIDARITY WITH THE UK REQUIRED MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA. COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY WAS 'RECIPROCAL AND DYNAMIC'. HE ASKED WHETHER THE UK PLANNED FURTHER RESORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEEK MANDATORY SANCTIONS: THIS WAS THE PROCEDURE THE UNITED STATES HAD FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF IRAN. THE IRISH DELEGATION IN NEW YORK HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO BE AS HELP-

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FUL AS POSSIBLE.

11. OTHERS SPOKE ALONG SIMILAR LINES. BOTTAI (ITALY) SAID THAT THE LARGE ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWING THEIR AMBASSADOR. BLOES (LUXEMBOURG) WAS THE ONLY POLITICAL DIRECTOR TO STRESS THE NEED FOR A SOLUTION WITHOUT THE USE OF FORCE.

12. IN REPLY TO POINTS MADE IN THIS TOUR DE TABLE BULLARD SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRG WOULD FIND A WAY TO STOP ALL ARMS SHIPMENTS, EVEN THOSE ALREADY LICENSED AND PAID FOR (PFEFFER NODDED). HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSIONS OF EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY: IF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS HAD A HAPPY END THIS COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ATTITUDES TO EUROPE IN THE UK. THE UK THOUGHT THAT THE RESULTS OF ANY SECOND SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE MIGHT BE LESS CLEAR AND LESS SATISFACTORY THAN ON 3 APRIL. OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT CALL FOR A MEETING BUT THE UK HAD NO PLANS TO DO SO ITSELF. THE UK'S PREFERENCE WAS OF COURSE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. THAT WAS WHY IT WAS ASKING PARTNERS TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA. BUT THE TASK FORCE, THE ZONE OF EXCLUSION AND THE RESOLVE TO USE FORCE IF NECESSARY WERE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THIS STRATEGY.

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