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Prime Minister

To note.

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Dear John,

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I am enclosing a letter sent by President Eyadema of Togo in reply to the Prime Minister's personal message of 17 June about the Falklands crisis.

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President Eyadema salutes the British victory in the Falklands as a justification of the Prime Minister's firm support of the principles of sovereignty and of the self-determination of peoples. Togo consistently upheld the justice of this stand in international fora. The Togolese also told the special Argentine envoy, sent to Togo at the beginning of the conflict, that Argentina should withdraw from the Falklands and allow American diplomacy a chance of finding a peaceful solution. The outcome of the conflict gives Britain the initiative in future negotiations which should be held so as to help give free expression to the wishes of the Islanders. As Togo had supported UN Security Council Resolution 502 in the name of peace, so too it hoped that there would be no recourse to arms in the definitive settlement of the Falklands issue.

Good evening

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