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PP WASHIGTON PP UKMIS NEW YORK GRS 171 CONFIDENTIAL FM FCO 271015Z JULY 82 TO PRIORITY CIVIL COMMISSIONER PORT STANLEY TELEGRAM NO 93 OF 27 JULY INFO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1170: COMMITTEE OF 24 1. MINISTERS WOULD WELCOME IT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR FALKLAND ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IN AUGUST AS PROPOSED BY UKMIS NEW YORK. WE HOPE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY COULD BE TAKEN TO INTRODUCE THE ISLANDERS TO DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY COMMONWEALTH ONES, WHICH DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 BUT WILL HAVE A VOICE IN THE LATER DEBATES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE ALSO AGREE WITH THE MISSION THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES COULD BE SOMEONE WHO LIVED THROUGH THE ARGENTINE OCCUPATION. WE RECOGNISE THAT BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PORT STANLEY AIRPORT FOR TWO WEEKS FROM MID-AUGUST THE ISLANDERS WOULD HAVE TO BE AWAY FROM HOME FOR SOME TIME. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES WITH ISLAND COUNCILLORS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESPOND TO UKMIS NEW YORK'S REQUEST.

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