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FALKLANDS AT UNGA 37: THE TEN

1. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE CONFIRMED THAT A SERIOUS WEAKNESS IN OUR POSITION HERE IS THE LUKEWARM SUPPORT (TO PUT IT AT ITS BEST) WHICH WE RECEIVE FROM OUR PARTNERS IN THE TEN. THIS EMBARRASSES THIRD WORLD DELEGATIONS WHO WOULD SUPPORT US ON THE PRINCIPLES AT STAKE AND PROVIDES A READY LET-OUT FOR THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER TO SIT ON THE FENCE (IF YOUR FRIENDS IN EUROPE WILL NOT SUPPORT YOU, YOU CANNOT EXPECT US TO DO SO'').

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR WILL TODAY (5 OCTOBER) BE GIVING HIS COLLEAGUES AN ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE PRESIDENCY DINNER ON 28 SEPTEMBER. YOU TOLD ME AT THE TIME THAT YOUR COLLEAGUES SHOWED DISTRESSINGLY LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF, OR SUPPORT FOR, OUR POSITION. THE CONVERSATION IN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES/POLITICAL DIRECTORS ROOM WAS EQUALLY BAD: THE ONLY SUPPORT CAME FROM MY LUXEMBOURG COLLEAGUE AND THE IRISHMAN WAS CONSTRUCTIVELY UNHELPFUL. BULLARD AND I HAD TO SPEAK PRETTY FIRMLY.

3. YOUR COLLEAGUES SPEECHES IN THE GENERAL DEBATE HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING. ONLY MME FLESCH (LUXEMBOURG) MADE A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT, POINTING OUT THAT A PARTNER HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE CHARTER AND CONDEMNING RESORT TO FORCE AND ANY VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. VAN AGT (NETHERLANDS) CRITICISED THE USE OF FORCE BUT SAID NOTHING ABOUT SELF-DETERMINATION AND CONCENTRATED ON THE IMPORTANCE THE NETHERLANDS ATTACHED TO ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AMERICA. COLLINS (IRELAND) DESCRIBED THE CONFLICT AS AN UNNECESSARY ONE AND DEPLORED THE USE OF FORCE, THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SCR 502 AND THE FACT THAT "A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OFFERED THROUGH THE U.N. DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE". HE HOPED "THAT THE PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO PURSUE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR CONTINUING DISPUTE". ITALY WAS BAD: COLOMBO CONDEMNED THE ACT OF AGGRESSION BUT CALLED FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN LONDON AND BUENOS AIRES WITHIN A U.N. FRAMEWORK AND WITH POSSIBLE RECOURSE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERALS GOOD OFFICES. WISCHNEWSKI (F.R.G.) WAS THE WORST, SAYING NOTHING ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE OR SELF-DETERMINATION AND CALLING FOR A POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. MAUROY (FRANCE) CONFINED HIMSELF TO A PASSING REFERENCE TO "THE ABSURD WAR IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC" WHICH SHOWED THAT THE USE OF FORCE WAS NEVER A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO A QUARREL. BELGIUM AND GREECE DID NOT MENTION THE SUBJECT.

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4. WHEN BULLARD WAS HERE LAST WEEK HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD THINK OF ANY ISSUES AT THE U.N. ON WHICH OUR POSITION HAD BEEN DICTATED BY COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY RATHER THAN U.K. NATIONAL INTERESTS. IF THERE WERE SUCH, WE COULD CHIDE THE PARTNERS CONCERNED FOR NOT RECIPROCATING OUR SUPPORT AND EVEN THREATEN TO CHANGE OUR POSITION IF THEY DID NOT HELP US OVER THE FALKLANDS. THIS HAS NOT PROVED A VERY PRODUCTIVE SEAM. THE MOST COMPARABLE ITEMS ARE MAYOTTE AND THE ILES GLORIEUSES, TWO "DECOLONISATION" ISSUES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ON WHICH WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE FRENCH. ON MAYOTTE, WE HAVE ABSTAINED ANNUALLY ON VERY MILD RESOLUTIONS CALLING UPON THE FRENCH TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS UNDER U.N. AUSPICES. ON THE ILES GLORIEUSES, WE HAVE ANNUALLY VOTED AGAINST EQUALLY MODERATE RESOLUTIONS WHICH TOOK NOTE OF NON-ALIGNED AND O.A.U. DECISIONS AND INVITED FRANCE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH MADAGASCAR. THESE ARE USEFUL EXAMPLES TO DEPLOY IN DEBATE WITH THE FRENCH, THOUGH WE ARE OF COURSE OPEN TO THE REJOINER THAT IF WE HAD NOT SUPPORTED THE FRENCH WE WOULD HAVE COMPROMISED OUR POSITION ON SELF-DETERMINATION (MAYOTTE) AND BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE B.I.O.T. (ILES GLORIEUSES). THE ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY I CAN THINK OF IS OUR RELUCTANT SUPPORT IN RECENT YEARS FOR THE HALF-BAKED AND POINTLESS GERMAN INITIATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO AVERT NEW FLOWS OF REFUGEES. THE GERMANS ARE PROBABLY AWARE OF OUR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AND THIS COULD BE CITED AS A CASE WHERE WE SUPPORTED THEM ONLY OUT OF COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY.

5. THERE IS ONE OTHER IDEA, WHICH I MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE HERE LAST WEEK. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE SCANDINAVIANS AS A GROUP TO SUPPORT US, AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT OF UNDERTAKING TO ABSTAIN ON THE ARGENTINE DRAFT? NONE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE HAS CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THE DANE WAS OF COURSE SPEAKING FOR THE TEN. THE NORWEGIAN AND THE FINN MADE THE BRIEFEST OF REFERENCES TO THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRESENT PARLOUS STATE OF THE WORLD. THE ICELANDER DID NOT MENTION THE SUBJECT. THE SWEDEN HAS YET TO SPEAK. OSLO TEL NO 176 REFERS TO NORDIC CONSULTATION. IF THAT CONSULTATION RESULTED IN A POSITION HELPFUL TO US IT WOULD BIND THE DANE AND WOULD PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE WHICH WE COULD COMMEND TO THE WEAKER SISTERS IN THE TEN.

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