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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER FROM MR SUZUKI:

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

YOUR VISIT TO JAPAN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR GAVE ME VERY GREAT PLEASURE. I CANNOT STRESS TOO HIGHLY THE SIGNIFICANCE I ATTACH TO THAT VISIT AND OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE-RANGING SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOUR VISIT TO JAPAN WAS MOST FRUITFUL IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND

OUR COOPERATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS AND DEEPLY IMPRESSED THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. I HIGHLY EVALUATE, IN PARTICULAR, THE STRENGTHENING POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, ON WHICH I REACHED AGREEMENT WITH YOU ON THAT OCCASION, SINCE IT WILL BE THE BASIS FOR BUILDING UP NEW ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR VISIT I LISTENED WITH THE UTMOST ATTENTION TO YOUR VIEWS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELSEWHERE, JAPAN HAS CONSTANTLY ADHERED TO THE POSITION THAT ALL INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES SHOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY BY NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, JAPAN HAS MAINTAINED THE ATTITUDE THAT SHE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO RENDER JUDGEMENT. I FULLY AGREE TO THE VIEW OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE UNACCEPTABLE ACTION, THE USE OF ARMED FORCE, OF ARGENTINA CANNOT EASILY BE REMOVED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE POSITION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT POLITICAL CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATING WITH ARGENTINA ON SOVEREIGNTY HAVE NOT FULLY MATURED AS YET, SO SHORT A TIME AFTER THE REGAINING OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY YOUR COUNTRY AS A RESULT OF YOUR GREAT EFFORTS. I HAVE ALSO PAID FULL ATTENTION TO THE VIEW OF YOUR COUNTRY THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE IN ITS BACKGROUND AND INTENTION IF NOT IN ITS CONTENT.

HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT MANY OF ITS CO-SPONSOR COUNTRIES EARNESTLY HOPE, AS YOUR COUNTRY DOES, THAT THE LONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA BE RESTORED AND THAT A GENUINE RECONCILIATION BE ATTAINED BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND ARGENTINA, AND ALSO BETWEEN YOU AND THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THIS EARNEST HOPE THAT MADE THESE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO EXERT THEIR UTMOST EFFORTS TO REVISE THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT. AFTER LONG AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER REFERENCE COULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ATTAINING A GENUINE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA AND ALSO BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND I FEEL IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO LEAVE OPEN A WAY OF NEGOTIATIONS.

AM AWARE THAT IT IS OPEN TO QUESTION WHETHER NOW IS THE MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA AND THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM IS DISSATISFIED WITH MANY POINTS IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE FREE WORLD, IT IS DESIRABLE FOR A LASTING PEACE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND FROM THE DESIRE TO SEE THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND ARGENTINA AS WELL AS THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BE RESTORED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, I REGARD THAT THE RESUMPTION OF GENUINELY BROAD-RANGING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NO PRECONDITIONS IS NECESSARY.

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS IDEA OF JAPAN. EVEN IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN VOTING ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER REFERENCE, THIS WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE THE BASIC ATTITUDE THEY SHARE IN COMMON TO SAFEGUARD FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AND I BELIEVE THAT SUCH A DIFFERENCE SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY RETROGRESSION OF THE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY COUNTRY WILL MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES OF THE WEST AND LATIN AMERICA AND THUS TO STRENGTHEN THE WESTERN SOLIDARITY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE A GOOD FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD THE KIND OF NEW CREATIVE RELATIONSHIP OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THAT YOU AND I AGREED IN TOKYO.

WITH kindest regards,

YOURS SINCERELY.

ZENKO SUZUKI

PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

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