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1. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TEXT. BEGINS:

WITH REFERENCE TO THE EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND GREAT BRITAIN THE MFA GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) PERU HAS EXPRESSED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AND NOW REITERATES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RECOVERY BY THE ARGENTINE REPLUBLIC OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS WITHIN THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION CONSECRATED BY UN RESOLUTIONS.

(B) PERU MAINTAINS INVARIABLY ITS POSITION OF PRINCIPLE IN THE SENSE THAT INTERNATIONAL 'CONTROVERSIES MUST BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY THROUGH THE CORRESPONDING MECHANISMS FORESEEN IN THE TREATIES IN FORCE.

(C) THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TRUSTS THAT THE CONFLICT WHICH HAS ARISEN BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPLUBLIC AND GREAT BRITAIN WILL BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE FULL RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FRIENDS OF PERU ENDS.

2. PRESS COMMENT GENERALLY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ARGENTINE INVASION.

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