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FALKLAND ISLANDS

PRIME MINISTER EUGENIA CHARLES, DOMINICA, HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOW-
ING MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER

MY GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED WITH REGRET OF THE ARMED INVASION OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS BY MILITARY FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA.

IT IS OF THE VIEW THAT SUCH UNPROVOKED VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW, AND DECENCY IS TO BE UNRESERVEDLY DEPRECATED NOT ONLY BECAUSE IF
NOT CONDEMNED OUTRIGHT, IT CAN BE A DANGEROUS AUGURY FOR FUTURE
RELATIONS BETWEEN SMALL WEAK STATES AND MORE POWERFUL STATES, NOT
ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS EMBARKED UPON IN DISREGARD OF THE POSITION TAKEN
BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT ALSO AND

RELATIONS BETWEEN SMALL WEAK STATES AND MORE POWERFUL STATES, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS EMBARKED UPON IN DISREGARD OF THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT ALSO AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES OF WHATEVER SIZE AND STATUS EVERY ATTEMPT BE MADE TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND BECAUSE THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES TO SELF DETERMINATION MUST BE RESPECTED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA IS NOT (NOT) SATISFIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA, IN DECIDING UPON THE COURSE OF INVASION, TOOK ANY COGNISANCE WHATEVER OF THE DEMOCRATIC WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ARGENTINE ACT OF AGGRESSION AND INVASION PLACES INTERNATIONAL PEACE IN JEOPARDY.

MARY EUGENIA CHARLES PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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