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1. FOLLOWING IS NE TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ON 3 APRIL.

BEGINS:-

THE GOVERNMENT DEPLORES AND CONDEMNS UNRESERVEDLY THE AGGRESSION ON FALKLAND ISLANDS BY ARGENTINA. IT CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES TO CONDEMN SUCH A BLATANT AGGRESSION WHICH VIOLATES THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND PROCLAIMS ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT ARGENTINA WILL WITHDRAW ITS FORCES IMMEDIATELY FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND NEGOTIATE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

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