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MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM: EC COOPERATION AGAINST ARGENTINA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE AGREED AT TODAY'S MEETING OF EC AMBASSADORS:

REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES MET TODAY TO DISCUSS THE CRISIS OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ARISING FROM ARGENTINE AGGRESSION. THE MEETING WAS BRIEFED ON RECENT STEPS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AND THEY DISCUSSED THE LATEST EXCHANGES IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES.

EXCHANGES IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. . COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES RECALLED THE EARLIER CONDEMNATION BY

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON 2 APRIL OF THE ARMED INTERVENTION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. THEY UNANIMOUSLY AND WARMLY SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR FULL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO 502, REQUIRING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINIAN FORCES.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AGREED TO REMAIN IN THE CLOSEST TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE.

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