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AND TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK AND BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED LONG COMMUNIQUE EVENING 13 APRIL. TRANSLATION AND COMMENT WILL FOLLOW. THE COMMUNIQUE SHOWS A FURTHER HARDENING OF VENEZUELAN POSITION IN FAVOUR OF ARGENTINA.
2. THE COMMUNIQUE VIEWS BRITISH NAVAL MOVES AS AN AGGRAVATION AND A CRITICAL THREAT TO PEACE OF AMERICA. WHILE REPEATING VENEZUELAN BELIEF IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, IT IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE WHICH VENEZUELA CONSIDERS TO HAVE BEEN ONE SIDED IN NOT TAKING ACCOUNT OF COLONIAL ORIGIANS OF PROBLEM AND VALIDITY OF ARGENTINIAN CLAIMS, AND WHICH IS SILENT IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE ARMED ATTACK IN THE NAME OF COLONIALISM AGAINST PART OF AMERICAN CONTINENT.

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