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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS' REACTIONS TO FALKLANDS CRISIS

1. Attached is a list of Commonwealth Governments' reactions to the Falklands crisis as at 16 April.
2. The statement attributed to W. Samoa in the list of 13 April was in error.

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Country

Antigua and Barbuda	Robust statement by PM. Full support also to UN initiative. Copy of statement to Commonwealth Secretary-General.
Australia	Ambassador recalled; ban on imports; ban on credit. Robust statements/messages of support. Statement at Security Council.
Bahamas	Robust reply to PM's letter, to be referred to in Government statement. Note to Argentinian Government urging compliance with SCR 502. Robust statement.
Bangladesh	Statement condemning 'use of force in settling disputes'. Robust statement privately to Ambassador from Permanent Secretary Foreign Affairs.
Barbados	'Full and complete support to any Commonwealth protest and initiative'. Prime Minister delivered statement during televised budget debate ensuring maximum coverage.
Belize	Reply to PM. Telegram to UNSG. Robust statement
Botswana	Statement 'strongly condemns' Argentine action. No specific mention of support for UK. Replied to SG's letter.
Canada	Robust and helpful line. PM endorsed separately statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs. Recalled Ambassador. Banned military shipments. Cancelled Defence College visit. Ban on imports and export credit.

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Cyprus

Dominica

Robust letter to Prime Minister.

Fiji

Robust statement by PM.

The Gambia

Robust Government statement

Ghana

No response expected.

Grenada

Guyana

Strong statement by Guyana Government. Voted for SCR 502. Robust reply to Ramphal's letter. Robust reply PM letter.

India

Lukewarm; appealing to 'all parties' to seek a 'peaceful resolution'.

Jamaica

Robust statement.

Kenya

Robust statement

Niribati Robust statement.

Lesotho Response to SG expressing ''deep concern''.

Malawi President's robust reply to PM: moral backing for use of force if necessary. Robust statement.

Malaysia Weak statement although ''deeply disturbed''.

Malta No statement yet. High Commission does 'not expect Malta to support' UK.

Mauritius Robust reply to Ramphal quoting Security Council instructions. Robust statement.

Nauru

New Zealand Robust statements/messages of support. Broken diplomatic relations. Support at UN. Cancelled Argentine flight schedule. Ean on trade, supply of arms/military material, export credits.

Nigeria Message to PM. Helpful statement.

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Papua New Guinea

Robust statement by PM PNG. To make feelings known through international bodies. Responded to SG quoting statement. Told Argentine Government that unless complies with SCR 502 PNG will break off diplomatic relations.

Saint Lucia

Strong statement.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Robust statement. Copy sent to SG.

Seychelles

Response to PM letter, deploring aggression: made public.

Sierra Leone

Statement views developments 'with great concern'. Ambassador UN instructed to 'condemn Argentine Action in strong terms'. SLG agree to provide facilities for refuelling etc.

Singapore

Fairly robust statement although no specific mention of support for UK. Robust reply from PM to PM's message.

Solomon Islands

Robust statement. Government has also sent message to SG of UN and to SG of Commonwealth. 'Assurance' of support to Prime Minister.

Sri Lanka

Message to Prime Minister 'condemns use of force' but no specific support for UK.

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Swaziland Statement expressing 'great concern' at invasion and supporting SCR 502.

Tanzania Statement regrets Argentine military action but no specific mention of support for UK.

Tonga Robust reply to PM letter: would support 'any action' by us to reassert sovereignty.

Trinidad and Tobago 'Feeble' statement.

Tuvalu Robust reply to SG and Secretary of State.

Uganda Voted for SCR 502. Helpful with Non-Aligned. Replied to PM letter: 'great concern'. Statement condemning aggression.

Vanuatu Statement 'strongly condemns' invasion, but also calls upon UK to "reconsider" military retaliation. Copied to SG, PM, Argentine Government, UN.

Western Samoa

Zambia Statement by Acting President deploring invasion

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Zimbabwe

Inadequate statement but supporting SCR 502.

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