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Falklands: Rio Treaty Meeting

In his telegram of 28 April, the Uruguayan Foreign Minister, as President of the Meeting of Consultation under the Rio Treaty, conveyed to the Prime Minister the message contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution passed at the meeting, appealing for Britain to cease hostilities and for a truce to be called.

I recommend that the Prime Minister should reply, and attach a suggested draft telegram for this purpose.

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14 YOUR TELNO 1491: FALKLANDS: RIO TREATY RESOLUTION
15 1. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the resolution passed on
16 26 April, Valdes Otero, as Chairman of the Consultation Meeting,
17 has transmitted to the Prime Minister a message dated 28 April
18 conveying the appeals in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution.
19 2. Please deliver to the OAS in Washington the following reply
20 from the Prime Minister to Valdes Otero.
21 Begins. 'To His Excellency Estanislao Valdes Otero President of
22 the 20th Meeting of Consultation Of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
23 Thank you for your letter of 28 April drawing to my attention
24 paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution which was adopted by the
25 Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs at its

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 2 second plenary session on 26 April, and enclosing a copy of the
 3 Resolution.
 4 I note with regret that the resolution takes no account of the
 5 fact that it is Argentina which bears the responsibility for
 6 initiating hostilities by its unlawful invasion of the Falkland
 7 Islands and the Dependencies on 2 and 3 April; and for
 8 continuing them by building up its presence on the islands in
 9 defiance of a mandatory resolution of the Security Council of
 10 the United Nations, which unequivocally demands the immediate
 11 withdrawal of all Argentine forces. The British Government,
 12 for its part, ^{continues to make every effort to achieve a negotiated} wishes a peaceful solution to the present
 13 situation, ~~and has for over three weeks been seeking to achieve~~
 14 ~~this~~ in accordance with Security Council resolution 502 of the
 15 UN Security Council, ^{But in} ~~which calls for the withdrawal of all~~
 16 ~~Argentine forces.~~ ^{must} In view of Argentina's failure to comply
 17 with this resolution, Britain ^{must} reserves the right to exercise its
 18 inherent right of self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of
 19 the UN Charter of the United Nations. Margaret Thatcher, Prime
 20 Minister' ends.

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