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MESSAGE FROM THE KING OF SPAIN TO HE JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR,  
UN SECRETARY GENERAL

Unofficial Translation



Palace of Zarzuela, 5 May 1982

Mr Secretary General: In the light of the events facing Great Britain and Argentina at the present time, I can remain silent no longer.

My Government has made clear, in successive official statements, its position on the roots of the problem, but allow me, Mr Secretary General, on the basis of these statements to explain to you the anguish which, as a Spaniard, a soldier and a king, I feel in these moments.

I cannot remain impassive in the face of the confrontation between two peoples, nor can I think of the loss of life that has occurred without being deeply moved.

I think just and honourable solutions to all problems can be found through discussion and peaceful means, and in a spirit of peace, thereby avoiding irreparable consequences.

I would be grateful if you would convey to both parties in the conflict my plea for a ceasefire which would allow a continuation of negotiations, and that you appeal, both to the Governments of Europe, of which for many reasons we are a part, and to the Spanish American community, with whom we have strong links of blood and history, to intercede with all possible actions conducive to avoiding prolonged hostilities.

My Government has placed its good offices at the disposal  
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of the contesting countries in the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict.

For my part, with the greatest impartiality I offer all my good will and assistance to contribute, in whatever manner you consider appropriate, towards the attainment of peace and justice.

Yours sincerley

Juan Carlos