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1. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IS QUOTED IN 'MILLIYET' OF 7 MAY AS SAYING THAT TURKEY SUPPORTED BRITAIN, AS A NATO ALLY, IN HER DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA. SHE VIEWED WITH DISMAY THE ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA. MR HAIG HAD DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, BUT HIS PROPOSALS HAD BEEN REJECTED BY ARGENTINA. TURKEY HAD STATED FROM THE OUTSET THAT SHE OPPOSED THE USE OF FORCE TO SOLVE THE DISPUTE. TURKEY ACCEPTED THAT BEING IN NATO MEANT THAT SHE WAS IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH BRITAIN.

2. THIS STATEMENT (DESPITE THE POSSIBLE INFERENCE THAT TURKEY'S SUPPORT DERIVES PRINCIPALLY FROM HER NATO MEMBERSHIP RATHER THAN THE MERITS OF THE CASE) SHOULD QUASH RECENT LOCAL PRESS COMMENT THAT TURKEY SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY WESTERN COUNTRY MAINTAINING A NEUTRAL STANCE IN THE DISPUTE.

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