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## FALKLANDS: 12 MILE EXCLUSION ZONE

1. THE MFA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY:
FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION BEGINS QUOTE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
HAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ANY ARGENTINE SHIP OR AIRCRAFT WHICH
IS FOUND BEYOND 12 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE ARGENTINE COAST WILL
BE CONSIDERED HOSTILE AND SUBJECT TO BE TREATED AS SUCH.

THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS OF THE UTMOST GRAVITY THIS EXTENSION OF THE AREA OF CONFLICT AS FAR AS THE WATERS WHICH. ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE LEGISLATION, CORRESPOND TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND THEREFORE TO THE AMERICAN TERRITORIAL CONTINENT.

FACED WITH THIS NEW ANNOUNCEMENT OF BELLIGERENT ACTION ON THE PART OF THE BRITISH FORCES. AFTER THE UNJUSTIFIED SINKING OF THE CRUISER 'GENERAL BELGRANO', THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT REPEATS ITS FIRM PROTEST AND ITS REQUEST FOR THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PEACE-MAKING MEASURES FORESEEN IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.

PERU SUPPORTS CLEARLY THE MEASURES WHICH THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IS TAKING AND CALLS ON THE PARTIES IN THE CONFLICT TO AGREE WITHOUT DELAY TO THE TRUCE WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A GREATER CONFLAGRATION.

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AGREE WITHOUT DELAY TO THE TRUCE WHICH IS THE UNLY WAY TO AVOID A GREATER CONFLAGRATION. PERU HAS ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY MEASURES WHICH IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD CORRESPOND TO THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND TO THIS END HAS SENT NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATION AT THE 2CTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (AT THE OAS). UNQUOTE. ENDS. 2. PLEASE SEE MIFT. WALLACE MNNN SENT AT C8/1657Z 919307 PRDRME G 2523 OPE PRODROME 919307 PRDRME G when the contract the second second second