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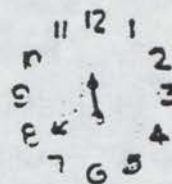
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OP CORPORATE-BAHIA PARAISO - STATUS

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1. SINCE BAHIA PARAISO WAS DECLARED AN HOSPITAL SHIP BY ARGENTINA

ON 8 MAY, INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED WHICH SUGGESTS THAT HER ACTIVITIES MAY NOT COMPLY WITH ALL ASPECTS OF GENEVA CONVENTION.

IN LAST 24 HOURS THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT SHE MAY BE LOADING FOOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARG GARRISON IN FALKLAND IS.

2. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER THREE ARTICLE 31 GENEVA CONVENTION IF

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B. VESSEL IS TO BE BOARDED BY ARMED PARTY WHO ARE TO INSPECT VESSEL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CRITERIA BELOW. MEDICAL OFFICER OR SENIOR MEDICAL RATING SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PARTY.

3. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ASPECTS SHOULD BE INSPECTED:

- A. USE OF CRYPTO MATERIAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS OR EVIDENCE THAT RADIO HAS BEEN USED FOR TRANSMISSION OF MILITARY INFORMATION.
- B. CARRIAGE OF WEAPONS OTHER THAN LIMITED PERSONAL WEAPONS FOR CREW SELF DEFENCE.
- C. STORES PROVISIONS AND EQUIPMENT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEDICAL OR CREWS OWN USE.
- D. CARRIAGE OF COMBATANT PERSONNEL.
- E. RED CROSS MARKINGS ON ALL HELICOPTERS CARRIED AND NUMBER THEREOF.

4. WARNINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ARG AUTHORITIES THROUGH SWISS THAT IF BAHIA PARAISO IS OBSERVED IN THE TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE EQUIPPED, LOADED OR IN OTHER WAYS BEHAVING IN A MANNER CONTRAVEN-

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5. IF, WHEN CHALLENGED, BAHIA PARAISO DOES NOT STOP, SHE SHOULD BE SHADOWED AND REPORT MADE BY FLASH MESSAGE.

6. BAHIA PARAISO MAY REPORT HM SHIPS IN HER VICINITY TO COMBATANT UNITS. SPECIAL WATCHFULNESS REQUIRED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
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