ECFO 3/15 CO FCO GPS 200 RESTRICTED 115 MAY 72 FM UKREP BRUSSELS 151845Z MAY 82 TO IMMEDI TE FCO TELNO 1962 OF 15 MAY INFO SAVING UKDEL NATO. WREPER (AMBASSADORS): 15 MAY EC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA 1. SINCE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAD JUST AGREED TO REFER THE DECISION ON RENEWING SANCTIONS TO MINISTERS (SEE SEPARATE REPORTING TELEGRAM) THERE WAS ONLY A VERY SHORT DISCUSSION. 2. IRELAND (O'ROURKE) AND DENMARK (RIBERHOLDT) OPPOSED THE PRESIDENCY'S SUGGESTION TO CONSIDER IN DETAIL THE DRAFT REGULATION. I SAID THAT WE SHOULD AVOID EXACERBATING DIFFICULTIES AT PRESENT, AND THAT A TEXT COULD RAPIDLY BE AGREED ONCE MINISTERS HAD REACHED A DECISION. PRESIDENCY (NOTERDAEME) ACCEPTED THIS, BUT ASKED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO INTRODUCE NATIONAL MEASURES (BY IMPLICATION, UNDER ARTICLE 224) IF THEY SHOULD BE AGREED. 2. SEE MIFT BUTLER 1.414.1