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MIPT: FALKLANDS: RIVER PLATE.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECLARATION OF 24 MAY BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ARGENTINA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA BEGINS

THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ARGENTINA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA, WHO ARE ATTENDING THE PRESENT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE "QUESTION CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN THE REGION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS", HAVE DEEMED IT DESIRABLE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION TO THE COUNCIL:

1. WE CONFIRM THE REJECTION BY LATIN AMERICA OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT AND EXPRESS, UNEQUIVOCALLY AND FIRMLY, THE DESIRE OF OUR PEOPLES FOR PEACE AND THE HOPE THAT IT MAY MATERIALIZE AS A RESULT OF AN EFFECTIVE DECISION BY THE COUNCIL.

2. WE STRONGLY PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH DECISION, OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND ITS NAVAL AND AIR MILITARY ACTION TO THE RIVER PLATE. THIS DEPLORABLE DECISION, IN ADDITION TO VIOLATING GENERAL INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE RIVER PLATE TREATY, CARRIES THE BRITISH AGGRESSION INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE CONTINENT, SINCE IT IGNORES ALL THE LEGAL, HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL REASONS WHICH CONFER ON THE RIVER PLATE THE SAME STATUS AS ATTACHES TO JURISDICTION ON LAND. THIS DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AGGRAVATING AND SPREADING THE CONFLICT WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MILITARY ADVENTURE.

3. WE REJECT WITH RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WITH THE HONOURABLE EXCEPTION

OF SPAIN AND ITALY, EXTENDING INDEFINITELY THE ECONOMIC  
AGGRESSION WHICH, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF "SANCTIONS", HAS BEEN  
IMPOSED ON ARGENTINA. THIS ACT, WHICH IS OFFENSIVE TO THE WHOLE  
OF LATIN AMERICA, CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE AND SECURITY AND PRESAGES THE GENERALIZATION OF A CONFLICT  
WHICH, DAY BY DAY, IS ASSUMING THE CHARACTER OF AN INTERCONTINENTAL  
CONFRONTATION.

4. WE NOTE WITH ALARM THAT, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF WEEKS HAVE ELAPSED  
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE BRITISH FLEET'S ARMED ATTACK ON THE  
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO  
ACHIEVE THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE. THIS CONCERN IS SERIOUSLY  
INCREASED BY THE FACT THAT, AFTER FOUR DAYS OF DEBATE IN THE  
COUNCIL, DURING WHICH BOTH THE FIGHTING AND THE LOSS OF LIFE  
HAVE INTENSIFIED, IT HAS NOT PROVED POSSIBLE TO RESPONDE TO THE  
CUTCRY OF MANKIND, WHICH DEMANDS AN UNCONDITIONAL CEASE-FIRE  
AND VIGOROUS ACTION FOR PEACE, FOR WHICH PURPOSE IT IS ESSENTIAL  
TO GIVE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL A MANDATE. IT IS URGENTLY NECESSARY  
FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHOSE DUTY IS TO ENSURE THE PEACE  
OF THE WORLD, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO HALT THIS MILITARY  
ESCALATION. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO REGARD WITH INDIFFERENCE THE  
COURSE OF EVENTS WHICH ARE JEOPARDIZING THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.  
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