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FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

1. ON 4 NOVEMBER THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE VIA THE SRI LANKAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON.

BEGINS

'YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER DELIVERED TO ME YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING THE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLANDS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ON THE MATTER AND I HAVE DIRECTED MY DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.' ENDS

2. PLEASE SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO THE PRESIDENT IN REPLY.

BEGINS

'YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER DELIVERED TO ME ON 4 NOVEMBER YOUR REPLY TO MY MESSAGE ABOUT THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WHICH WAS VOTED ON LATER THAT DAY. SRI LANKA'S DECISION TO VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION IS MOST WARMLY APPRECIATED IN THIS COUNTRY AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE DECISION YOU TOOK.' ENDS

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