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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE
RELEASED BY THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON 7 AUGUST.

BEGINS

PRESIDENT MENEM AND FOREIGN MINISTER DOMINGO CAVALLO REITERATE THE
POSITION OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH PEACEFUL
NEGOTIATIONS.

BY MEANS OF A FORMULA WHICH PERMITS THE PRESERVATION OF OUR SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTHERN
SANDWICH ISLANDS SUITABLE WAYS ARE BEING SOUGHT THROUGH NORMAL
CHANNELS TO CARRY OUT THE SAID NORMALIZATION, INCLUDING THE
ELIMINATION OF THE VESTIGES OF THE 1982 WWAR AND THE RENEWAL OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO DIRECT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE UNITED
KINGDOM ALTHOUGH THAT COULD OCCUR IN FUTURE. NEGOTIATION IS THE MOST
SUITABLE METHOD TO SETTLE AMICABLY THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST.
THEREFORE OUR GOVERNMENT WILL ABOVE ALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
NATIONAL INTEREST.

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