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E IRLANDA DEL NORTE  
LONDRES

MISC 572: LA VIGESIMA REUNION DE CONSULTA DE MINISTROS DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES, CONVOCADA DE ACUERDO CON LO DISPUESTO EN EL TRATADO INTERAMERICANO DE ASISTENCIA RECIPROCA, EN SU SEGUNDA SESION PLENARIA CELEBRADA EL DIA DE HOY APROBO LA RESOLUCION I SOBRE "GRAVE SITUACION PLANTEADA EN EL ATLANTICO SUR".

EN MI CALIDAD DE PRESIDENTE DE LA VIGESIMA REUNION DE CONSULTA CUMPLI CON EL ENCARGO DE TRASMITIR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA EL LLAMADO DE LOS CANCELLERES DE AMERICA PARA QUE EL GOBIERNO DEL REINO UNIDO DE GRAN BRETAGNA E IRLANDA DEL NORTE CESE DE INMEDIATO LAS HOSTILIDADES QUE REALIZA EN LA REGION DE SEGURIDAD DEFINIDA POR EL ARTICULO 4 DEL TRATADO INTERAMERICANO DE ASISTENCIA RECIPROCA, SE ABSTENGA DE CUALQUIER ACTO QUE PUEDA AFECTAR LA PAZ Y LA SEGURIDAD INTERAMERICANAS Y ESTABLEZCA DE INMEDIATO UNA TREGUA QUE PERMITA LA REANUDACION DEL NORMAL DESENVOLVIMIENTO DE LAS GESTIONES CONDUCENTES A LA SOLUCION PACIFICA DEL CONFLICTO, TENIENDO EN CUENTA LOS DERECHOS DE SOBERANIA DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA SOBRE LAS ISLAS MALVINAS, ASI COMO LOS INTERESES DE SUS POBLADORES. LOS CANCELLERES DE AMERICA CONFIAN PLENAMENTE EN QUE ESTE LLAMADO SERA ACEPTADO EN BIEN DE LA PAZ DE LA REGION Y DEL MUNDO. ACEPTE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS EXPRESIONES DE MI MAS ALTA Y DISTINGUIDA CONSIDERACION

ESTANISLAO VALDES OTERO  
PRESIDENTE DE LA VIGESIMA REUNION DE  
CONSULTA DE MINISTROS DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES



HERE FOLLOWS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING MESSAGE AND THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE RIGHT HONORABLE MARGARET THATCHER  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
LONDON

THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONVOKED UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE INTER AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, AT ITS SECOND PLENARY SESSION HELD TODAY, ADOPTED RESOLUTION 1 ON THE "SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC".

AS PRESIDENT OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TRANSMIT THE APPEAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IMMEDIATELY CEASE THE HOSTILITIES IT IS CARRYING ON WITHIN THE SECURITY REGION DEFINED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTERAMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, AND ALSO TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT THAT MAY AFFECT INTER-AMERICAN PEACE AND SECURITY AND IMMEDIATELY TO CALL A TRUCE THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME AND PROCEED NORMALLY WITH THE NEGOTIATION AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA OVER THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS ARE FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THIS APPEAL WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD.  
ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

ESTANISLAO VALDES OTERO  
PRESIDENT OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION  
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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RESOLUTION I

SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION HELD ON APRIL  
28, 1982)

CONSIDERING:

THE PRINCIPLES OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION  
AND THE NEED TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ANY SITUATION THAT  
ENDANGERS THE PEACE OF THE AMERICAS,

THAT A DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION HAS ARISEN BETWEEN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE ARGENTINE  
REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS AGGRAVATED TODAY BY THE EVENTS THAT HAVE ARISEN  
FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE BRITISH NAVY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC,  
WITHIN THE SECURITY REGION REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE  
RIO TREATY,

THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL  
ASSISTANCE IS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE  
HEMISPHERE, WHICH, IN THE CASE THAT ARISEN, REQUIRES ENSURING  
THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE,

THAT TO FACILITATE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE, IT IS  
URGENT THAT HOSTILITIES CEASE, SINCE THEY DISTURB THE PEACE  
OF THE HEMISPHERE AND MAY REACH UNFORESEEABLE PROPORTIONS,

THAT IT IS AN UNCHANGING PRINCIPLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
SYSTEM THAT PEACE BE PRESERVED AND THAT ALL THE AMERICAN STATES  
UNANIMOUSLY REJECT THE INTERVENTION OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL OR  
CONTINENTAL ARMED FORCES IN ANY OF THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE,

THAT ARGENTINA'S RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS  
(FALKLAND) ISLANDS, AS STATED IN SOME IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS  
PASSED BY VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, INCLUDING THE DECLARATION  
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 6, 1976,  
WHICH STATES: "THAT THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA HAS AN  
UNDENIABLE RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS,"  
MUST BE BORNE IN MIND, AND

THAT THE PEACE EFFORTS BEING MADE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE  
PARTIES MUST BE EMPHASIZED, AND THAT INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY  
TO THAT OBJETIVE, AND

HAVING SEEN:

RESOLUTION 502 (1982) OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL,  
ALL OF WHOSE TERMS MUST BE FULLFILLED, RESOLUTION 359 OF APRIL  
13, 1982, ADOPTED BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICAN STATES, AND THE DECLARATION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY  
BY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE  
TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION (DOC.14/82), AND IN  
CONFORMITY WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE,



RESOLVES:

1. TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IMMEDIATELY TO CEASE THE HOSTILITIES IT IS CARRYING ON WITHIN THE SECURITY REGION DEFINED BY ARTICLE 4

OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, AND ALSO TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT THAT MAY AFFECT INTER-AMERICAN PEACE AND SECURITY.

2. TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA LIKEWISE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION THAT MAY EXACERBATE THE SITUATION.

3. TO URGE THOSE GOVERNMENTS IMMEDIATELY TO CALL A TRUCE THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME AND PROCEED NORMALLY WITH THE NEGOTIATION AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC ARGENTINA OVER THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS.

4. TO EXPRESS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION TO LEND SUPPORT THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS IT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE, TO THE NEW INITIATIVES BEING ADVANCED AT THE REGIONAL OR WORLD LEVEL, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES, WHICH ARE DIRECTED TOWARD THE JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.

5. TO TAKE NOTE OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT THE IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO EXPRESS ITS WISHES THAT WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT.

6. TO DEPLORE THE ADOPTION BY MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND OTHER STATES OF COERCIVE MEASURES OF AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL NATURE, WHICH ARE PREJUDICIAL TO THE ARGENTINE NATION AND TO URGE THEM LIFT THOSE MEASURES, INDICATING THAT THEY CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS PRECEDENT, INASMUCH AS THEY ARE COVERED BY RESOLUTION 502 (1982) OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE OAS AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

7. TO INSTRUCT THE PRESIDENT OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TRANSMIT THE APPEAL CONTAINED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA, AND ALSO TO INFORM THEM, ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS, THAT HE IS FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THIS APPEAL WILL BE RECEIVED FOR SAKE OF PEACE IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD.

8. TO INSTRUCT THE PRESIDENT OF THE TWENTITH MEETING OF CONSULTATION IMMEDIATELY TO PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION FORMALLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, SO THAT HE MAY BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

9. TO KEEP THE TWENTITH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OPEN, ESPECIALLY TO OVERSEE FAITHFULL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL MEASURES AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE PEACE AND SETTLE THE CONFLICT BY PEACEFUL MEANS.