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The United Nations Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar called on Britain and Argentina today to resolve their differences through diplomacy.

The Government share the Secretary General's concern at the rising tension. We have used every effort to bring about a solution by diplomatic means, including the offer to send an official Emissary to Buenos Aires. These efforts have been rejected. For that reason the United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations, Sir Anthony Parsons, is taking steps to secure an early meeting of the Security Council.

Supplementary

I can confirm that the Secretary General summoned the United Kingdom Representative this morning.