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 10 INFO IMMEDIATE CERTAIN DELEGATIONS AND MISSIONS  
 11 MIPT  
 12 FALKLANDS: TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE  
 13 1. You may draw freely on the following in answering enquiries  
 14 about the announcement:  
 15 Q1. WHY HAVE YOU IMPOSED THIS ZONE?  
 16 A1. To extend the Maritime Exclusion Zone (MEZ) imposed on  
 17 12 April to exclude all ships and aircraft from the area.  
 18 The new Zone has the same aim as the MEZ, namely to bring  
 19 about the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Fatkland  
 20 Islands as soon as possible.  
 21 Q2. DOES THIS MEAN YOU ARE NOW AT WAR WITH ARGENTINA?  
 22 A2. No. As the announcement makes clear, this Zone is being  
 23 enforced under our right of self-defence under Article 51  
 24 of the UN Charter.  
 25 Q3. HOW WILL THE ISLANDERS GET FOOD?

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2 A3. The Islanders interests remain, of course, our primary con-  
 3 sideration. We would like the International <sup>Committee</sup> ~~Department~~ of  
 4 the Red Cross to establish a presence in Port Stanley as  
 5 soon as possible to keep their welfare under careful review.  
 6 For basic foods the Islanders are largely self-supporting.

7 Q4. WHAT DOES THE CLOSURE OF PORT STANLEY AIRFIELD INVOLVE?

8 A4. No aircraft may use Port Stanley airfield without authority  
 9 from the MOD in London.

10 Q5. ARE YOU PLANNING ON FURTHER ACTION TO INHIBIT THE USE OF  
 11 PORT STANLEY AIRFIELD?

12 A5. As the final sentence of the announcement makes clear, the  
 13 TEZ is without prejudice to any further action we may take  
 14 under Article 51.

15 Q6. WILL YOU ATTACK MERCHANT SHIPS OR CIVIL AIRCRAFT?

16 A6. As the announcement makes clear, ALL ships and aircraft are  
 17 liable to be attacked if they enter the Zone without due  
 18 authority from the Ministry of Defence in London. The  
 19 arrangements for obtaining such authority have been con-  
 20 veyed to the appropriate maritime and aviation bodies for  
 21 transmission to all ships and aircraft.

22 Q7. ARE ANY ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO EVACUATE THE ISLANDERS?

23 A7. If Islanders wish to leave for any reason we will do what  
 24 we can to guarantee their freedom of movement. Transit  
 25 arrangements through the Zone can be made by obtaining  
 26 prior approval for such journeys from the Ministry of Defence.

27 Q8. WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THIS ACTION?

28 A8. Article 51 of the UN Charter.  
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