

NOTE TO PRESS OFFICERS

FALKLAND ISLANDS: 6 MAY

ON THE RECORD

1. As we said yesterday, we are continuing our work with all urgency to achieve a negotiated settlement as soon as possible. Contacts continue with the United States and with the United Nations Secretary-General. We are also in touch with Peru. We hope that these contacts may lead to early progress.

2. We said yesterday that we had been in touch with the United Nations Secretary-General about the suggestions and ideas which he put to the Foreign Secretary on Sunday evening, and that we would be in touch again. Mr Pym is replying to Mr Perez de Cuellar today. I cannot of course go into details before the reply is delivered, but you can take it from the Secretary of State's statement yesterday that it will be in positive terms.

3. 'There are many points of similarity between the Secretary-General's thinking and the points we are pursuing with Mr Haig. Indeed Mr Perez de Cuellar's helpful ideas seem certain to be reflected in the basis of any solution which we may be able to achieve'. (Mr Pym, House of Commons, 5 May).

4. A vital ingredient of the ideas on which we are working is an early ceasefire and the prompt withdrawal of Argentine forces. These ~~two ideas are~~ <sup>must be</sup> linked. The purpose of ~~the~~ <sup>A</sup> ceasefire would be to enable Argentine forces to withdraw, as demanded by the Security Council in Resolution 502.

5. Eurogroup Communiqué. The text is attached. Members of the Eurogroup are: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

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PART OF THE TEXT OF THE EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE ISSUED  
THIS MORNING

Paragraph 2 states:

"Ministers condemned Argentina's armed invasion of the Falkland Islands and the dependencies as well as the failure to comply with Security Council Resolution 502. Ministers noted the importance of maintaining the principle that aggression or occupation of territory by force should not be allowed to succeed and urged the need to seek a negotiated solution acceptable to all parties concerned on the basis of the implementation of Security Council Resolution 502 in all its parts".