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1. FOLLOWING MR LUCE'S MESSAGE TO ROS. BEGINS.
 THE ISSUE OF A STATEMENT BY YOUR MINISTRY ON 1 MARCH GIVING
 DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL YOU PUT FORWARD AT OUR TALKS LAST WEEK
 CONTRAVENES OUR UNDERSTANDING IN NEW YORK THAT THESE SHOULD
 REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL WE HAD EACH HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
 CONSULT OUR GOVERNMENTS. IT ALSO CONTRAVENES THE SPIRIT OF OUR
 DISCUSSIONS. THIS STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FURTHER COMMENT
 IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS, ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES
 (AND WHICH HAS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE HERE), INEVITABLY CREATES
 A MORE DIFFICULT AND UNHELPFUL CLIMATE FOR CONTINUING THE
 NEGOTIATING PROCESS. I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED BY STATEMENTS AND
 COMMENT WHICH MAY BE INTERPRETED AS THREATS: THE IMPLICATIONS
 ARE SERIOUS. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE PROGRESS UNLESS
 THERE IS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS ISSUE CAN ONLY BE
 RESOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. ENDS.

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