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DESCRIBED IN TEDIOUS DETAIL ALL THE ARGENTINE ACTIVITIES IN THE ISLANDS FOLLOWING THE 1972 COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT. HE REHEARSED THE VARIOUS PRONOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE REJECTED OUR CASE ABOUT HIS WISHES OF THE INHABITANTS (QUOTE THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS DISPUTE UNQUOTE). HE QUOTED FROM VARIOUS NON-ALIGNED COMMUNIQUE'S. HE CRITICISED LEGISLATION WHICH PREVENTED ARGENTINES FROM INVESTING IN THE ISLANDS. HE REPEATEDLY DESCRIBED THE SOUTH GEORGIA INCIDENT AS ANOTHER CASE OF BRITISH QUOTE AGGRESSION UNQUOTE. HE SAID THERE WAS A SERIOUS THREAT OF THE IMMINENT USE OF FORCE BY THE UK, AS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR BY UK MINISTERS' STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT. THIS LEFT ARGENTINA NO CHOICE BUT TO ADOPT MEASURES TO ENSURE HER LEGITIMATE DEFENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER. THE UK SHOULD NOT HAVE CONVENED THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE UK WAS THE AGGRESSOR AND THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE UK WAS DEFYING THE UNITED NATIONS. ARGENTINA WOULD NEGOTIATE GENEROUSLY BUT ONLY AFTER UK RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY. THAT WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE BUT EVERYTHING ELSE WAS. THE TRUE REASON FOR THE CRISIS WAS THE UK'S REJECTION OF ARGENTINA'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE.

5. AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD READ OUT THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED STATEMENT (TEXT IN MY SECOND IFT), LICHENSTEIN (USA) SPOKE BRIEFLY IN ITS SUPPORT, EMPHASISING ITS CALL FOR RESTRAINT AND NO USE OF FORCE.

6. I THEN SPOKE BRIEFLY IN RIGHT OF REPLY (TEXT IN MY THIRD IFT), CHALLENGING THE ARGENTINE TO JOIN ME IN RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CALL ON BOTH SIDES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE. ROCA SAT SILENT, DECLINING MY CHALLENGE, AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

7. FOR COMMENT, PLEASE SEE MY FOURTH IFT.

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