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MIPT: FALKLAND ISLANDS: ITALIAN VIEWS

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE PASSAGE ON THE FALKLANDS  
IN AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER SPADOLINI'S  
MEETING WITH KARAMANLIS YESTERDAY.

QUOTE IN EXAMINING THE SITUATIONS OF CONFLICT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE  
WORLD, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE DISPUTE BETWEEN GREAT  
BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA CONCERNING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND  
ISLANDS. THE PRIME MINISTER MADE CLEAR ITALY'S SOLIDARITY WITH  
GREAT BRITAIN OVER THE OCCUPATION OF THIS ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGO BY  
ARGENTINA, AND EXPRESSED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S GREAT CONCERN  
ABOUT THE WORSENING OF THE SITUATION, WHICH INVOLVES TWO COUNTRIES  
WITH WHICH ITALY MAINTAINS FRIENDLY LINKS. SPADOLINI REPEATED HIS  
FIRM CONDEMNATION OF THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF RESOLVING INTER-  
NATIONAL DISPUTES, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVER-  
NMENT SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE APPEALS OF MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING  
THOSE OF THE EC, FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE  
FORCES AND THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN. THE  
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN FACT CONVINCED THAT ONLY A NEGOTIATED SOL-  
UTION, AS DESIRED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, CAN PUT AN END TO THE  
DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE

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