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MIPT: ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT :

BEGINS

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING CHAIRED BY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, THE FEDERAL CABINET DEALT AT LENGTH WITH ARGENTINA'S ARMED INTERVENTION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THE RESULTING CONFLICT BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA.
2. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAIN CONDEMNS THE ARGENTINE INTERVENTION, WHICH REPRESENTS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES AND THE RENUNCIATION OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSES THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE TEN FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EEC ON 2 APRIL 1982 AND REFERS TO THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ON 3 APRIL 1982, WHICH CALLED FOR THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AS WELL AS FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.
3. TOGETHER WITH ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FIRMLY SUPPORTS ITS ALLY AND FRIEND GREAT BRITAIN IN THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT. IT IS IN CONSTANT, CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
4. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, NOT (LAST WORD UNDERLINED) TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS OF WAR, AMMUNITION AND OTHER ARMS MATERIAL TO ARGENTINA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PREVENT THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO A COUNTRY WHICH IS GUILTY OF AN ACT OF VIOLENCE IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WHICH REFUSES TO OBSERVE A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL.

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5. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS DISCUSSING MEASURES, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE FRAME- WORK OF ARTICLES 113 AND 224, BY WHICH IT CAN MANIFEST ITS SOLIDARITY WITH GREAT BRITAIN. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PARTICIPATING MOST CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THESE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS.

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