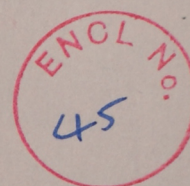


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TO IMMEDIATE LIMA
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YOUR TELNO 79: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO DR ARIAS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, IN REPLY TO THEIR MESSAGE OF 11 APRIL.

BEGINS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THANK THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR MESSAGE PROPOSING A TRUCE OF 72 HOURS WHILE THE GOOD OFFICES PROCEDURES CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICANS ARE TAKING PLACE, IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ARMED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT APPRECIATE THE INTEREST SHOWN BY THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE NO LESS KEEN TO SEE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, AND ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PURSUE THIS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THEIR RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY NOTE HOWEVER, THAT THE ARMED CONFRONTATION WAS INITIATED BY THE ARGENTINE ACTION IN SEIZING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND THAT IT WAS TO THIS POINT THAT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION NO 502 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WAS DIRECTED.

THE FIRST REQUIREMENT FOR ANY SOLUTION IS THAT THE ARGENTINE FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THEIR DEPENDENCIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATORY RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU WILL IMPRESS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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