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THE ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON THE FALKLANDS CRISIS ON 23 APRIL, OF WHICH OUR TRANSLATION IS IN MIFT. Scc-2 TIPT

- 2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC OFFICE AND THE MFA ASSURE US THAT THIS STATEMENT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE BRITISH POSITION, AND CLAIM THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO PUT PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA TO CONFORM WITH SCR 502.
- 3. BOTH HAVE TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE STATEMENT AND ITS WORDING ARE A SOP TO THE SOCIALISTS, WHO ISSUED A DECLARATION ON 22 APRIL STATING THAT ''ITALY MUST ACTIVELY SUPPORT WHATEVER INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION IS POSSIBLE AND USEFUL TO AVOID CONFLICT AND TO 'AKE REASON PREVAIL''

(FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY BAG).

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MIPT: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE:

AFTER HEARING A FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, ON. EMILIO COLOMBO, OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
CONTROVERSY OVER SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS/MALVINAS,
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND CONCERN OVER
THE MOUNTING TENSION AND PROLONGATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AIMED
AT THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED,
AND ISSUED A PRESSING APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND ARGENTINA TO GIVE PROOF OF THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
AND DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO FACILITATE THE DIFFICULT
WORK OF MEDIATION WHICH THE US SECRETARY OF STATE IS DOING.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH SEES ITSELF AS PARTICIPATING IN THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE TEN, RENEWS ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR CURRENT AMERICAN ACTION AND HOPES THAT THIS WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS, LEADING THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO THE END OF THE ROAD OF DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. IT REMAINS THE FIRM CONVICTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONTROVERSY, EXACERBATED AFTER MANY YEARS OF INCONCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY AS A RESULT OF PEACEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES ON THE BASIS OF ALL THE FACTS WHICH FOR YEARS HAVE BEEN THE ORIGIN OF THE PROBLEM, WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A RELAXATION OF CURRENT TENSION AND THIS THE REVOCATION OF THE COMMERCIAL MEASURES TAKEN BY THE EC AGAINST ARGENTINA.

IN REITERATION OF ACTION ALREADY TAKEN ON ALL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AVAILABLE AND MULTILATERALLY IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EC, INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO ITALIAN AMBASSADORS IN LONDON BUENOS AIRES TO CONVEY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TO THE

GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED.

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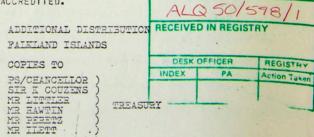
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