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FALKLANDS: PRESIDENCY DEMARCHE

1. THE QUESTION OF PRESIDENCY DEMARCHES IN THIRD COUNTRIES WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS AT LUNCH IN LUXEMBOURG. THE CURRENT POSITION THEREFORE IS AS IT WAS LEFT AT THE END OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, IE THE IRISH RESERVE IS MAINTAINED, BUT THE OTHER NINE ARE WILLING TO SEE THE DEMARCHES TAKE OLACE.
2. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DISCOVER FROM MACKERNAN, WHOSE PERSONAL SYMPATHIES ARE WITH US RATHER THAN HIS GOVERNMENT, WHAT THE IRISH REACTION WOULD BE IF WE WERE TO REOPEN THIS QUESTION, EG ON THE COREU NETWORK. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT OUR AIM AND THAT OF OUR PARTNERS IS TO GET THE MAXIMUM EFFECT OUT OF THE COMMUNITY'S ACTION IN TERMS OF PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA TO END ITS ILLEGAL INVASION. THIRD COUNTRY NON CIRCUMVENTION AND SUPPORT ARE CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE. YOU SHOULD ADD IN CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE A PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH ARMS SUPPLIES TO ARGENTINA FROM ISRAEL. THE PRESIDENCY DEMARCHE THERE, WHICH COULD REFER ALSO TO THE QUESTION OF ARMS, WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO OUR BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

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