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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF MFA PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF 30 APRIL:

WITH REGARD TO THE IMMINENT OPPOSING MEASURES OF BLOCKADE ROUND THE FALKLAND-MALVINAS ISLANDS, THE FARNESINA CONFIRMS ITALY'S PROPER COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY WITH GREAT BRITAIN IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. THE FARNESINA STATES THAT THE UNDOUBTED NEED TO RESTORE A LEGAL POSITION WHICH HAS MANIFESTLY BEEN INFRINGED SHOULD NOT INVOLVE THE UNLEASHING OF ARMED CONFLICT WHOSE CONSEQUENCES WOULD IN THE END HAVE REPERCUSSIONS GOING FAR BEYOND THE AREA OF INTEREST OF THE TWO DISPUTING STATES. ITALY THEREFORE UNDERLINES HER POSITION, INCLUDING THE POINT THAT IT IS NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME, TO EXPLOIT TO THE FULL ALL POSSIBILITIES OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

IN THIS CONNECTION THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGAIN MANIFESTS ITS CONFIDENCE IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE MEDIATION EFFORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG, WHICH IS BASED ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, AND EXPRESSES ITS FIRM CONVICTION THAT THIS MEDIATION EFFORT MUST BE GIVEN THE TIME NECESSARY TO ATTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, CONSCIOUS OF THE PARTICULARLY DELICATE POSITION WHICH ITALY OCCUPIES IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF HER STRONG LINKS WITH THE PEOPLE OF ARGENTINA, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RELAUNCHES AN EARNEST APPEAL TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN FAVOUR OF THE UTMOST MODERATION AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT IN THE AFFAIR.

ITALY HAS ADDRESSED HERSELF IN THIS SENSE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, TO HER COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND TO THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA.

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