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MIPT: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT MESSAGE FROM ME TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR.

BEGINS:

I HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE IDEAS THAT CAME UP IN OUR CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK ON 2 MAY. I WARMLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN YOU HAVE SHOWN TO CONTRIBUTE TO A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS. I FOR MY PART AM ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH YOU.

AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESENT CRISIS HAS ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE RESORT TO FORCE BY ARGENTINA AT A TIME WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN A MANDATORY RESOLUTION, DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THAT RESOLUTION IS IMPLEMENTED.

THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ITS PART ACCEPTED RESOLUTION 502 IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS ADOPTION AND I REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AS CALLED FOR BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ONCE ARGENTINA HAS WITHDRAWN. I FURTHER REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN A CEASEFIRE SO LONG AS THAT IS CLEARLY LINKED TO PROMPT ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND DOES NOT LEAVE ARGENTINA IN OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES ILLEGALLY SEIZED IN DEFIANCE OF THE CHARTER.

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I AM URGENTLY STUDYING THE IDEAS THAT CAME UP IN MY DISCUSSION WITH YOU ON 2 MAY AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND AND ALONGSIDE OTHER IDEAS THAT HAVE REACHED US FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENTS OF PERU AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE MANY POINTS OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN YOUR THINKING AND THOSE OTHER IDEAS AND I AM SURE YOUR IDEAS WILL BE REFLECTED IN ANY SOLUTION WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE. I SHALL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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