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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. IN HIS STATEMENT IN THE GENERAL DEBATE TODAY (22 SEPTEMBER) THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE: BEGINS

"IT IS A STRANGE PARADOX THAT OUR COUNTRY, WHICH WAS IN THE VANGUARD OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SHOULD STILL SUFFER FROM A BREACH OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND ANACHRONISTIC PERSISTENCE OF COLONIALISM.

THE MALVINAS ISLANDS HAVE NOT BEEN RESTORED TO ARGENTINA, IN SPITE OF THE LONG TIME ELAPSED SINCE THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2065 (XX) IN 1965. THE MALVINAS ARE STILL A COLONY TO THIS DAY, WITH A FORMAL STATUS OF ONE, BASICALLY EXPLOITED BY A COMPANY BUILT ON THE PATTERN OF THOSE OF THE TIMES OF THE MERCANTILIST STATES. PERHAPS A UNIQUE CASE IN THE TIMES OF DEMOGRAPHIC EXPLOSION, THE MALVINAS AT PRESENT HAVE A SMALLER POPULATION THAN THAT WHICH INHABITED THEM AT THE TIME OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED RESOLUTION. LARGE FOOD AND ENERGY RESOURCES ARE AWAITING THEIR EXPLOITATION, WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE AS LONG AS THE PRESENT ILLEGAL OCCUPATION CONTINUES.

THIS SITUATION IS STILL LESS UNDERSTANDABLE WHEN THE ISLANDERS HAVE HAD EVERY PRACTICAL MEANS TO UNDERSTAND

THAT THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH ARGENTINA IS A SOURCE OF BENEFITS THAT ARE OTHERWISE UNATTAINABLE. OBVIOUSLY, MR PRESIDENT, THE MALVINAS CANNOT REMAIN A COLONY, NOR CAN ARGENTINA PASSIVELY ACCEPT THAT PART OF ITS TERRITORY BE ONE OF THE LAST COLONIES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM THIS ASSEMBLY THAT ARGENTINA HAS ADDRESSED THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO PROPOSE A DECISIVE IMPETUS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS, SOUTH SANDWICH AND SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS. THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC HOPES TO BE ABLE TO REPORT IN DUE COURSE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE MALVINAS, SOUTH SANDWICH AND SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BEGIN SOON, WAS THE LAST ONE."

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2. THE TONE OF THIS STATEMENT IS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE ARGENTINES EMPLOYED IN 1979 AND 1980 (MY TELNOS 1141 AND 1142 OF 1979 AND 1390 OF 1980), THOUGH "ILLEGAL OCCUPATION", WHICH WAS DROPPED LAST YEAR, APPEARS AGAIN. A NEW FEATURE IS REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH SANDWICH AND SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS DUE TO SEE THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AT 1315Z TOMORROW (23 SEPTEMBER). HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BY THEN WHAT IF ANYTHING HE SHOULD SAY TO CAMILION ABOUT HIS STATEMENT.

4. WHEN WE KNOW HOW TOMORROW'S MEETING GOES, WE SHALL NEED TO CONSIDER WHETHER I SHOULD SAY ANYTHING AT THE END OF THE GENERAL DEBATE IN RIGHT OF REPLY TO CAMILION. MY LEGAL ADVISER THINKS THAT ON LEGAL GROUNDS IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO ALLOW HIS REMARKS TO PASS UNCHALLENGED. IN 1979 HOWEVER IT WAS DECIDED THAT FOR OTHER REASONS WE SHOULD NOT REPLY (YOUR TELNO 596 OF 1979). LAST YEAR I TOOK THE DECISION LOCALLY NOT TO REPLY TO THE SLIGHTLY Milder STATEMENT DELIVERED THEN.

5. PLEASE ALSO SEE MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM (NOT TO ALL).

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