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AND TO BUENOS AIRES, PORT STANLEY.

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MY TWO IPTS: FALKLAND ISLANDS: ANGLO-ARGENTINE TALKS.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREED INFORMAL WORKING PAPER:

THE PURPOSE OF A UK/ARGENTINE PERMANENT NEGOTIATING COMMISSION WOULD BE TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

THE COMMISSION WOULD BE PRESIDED OVER BY BRITISH AND ARGENTINE MINISTERS, WHO WOULD DIRECT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND WHO WOULD DECIDE UPON THE AGENDA OF AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S FRAMEWORK. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION MAY INCLUDE ISLANDERS.

THE TASK OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE DISPUTE, TO CONSIDER THEM IN DEPTH, EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN PARALLEL, AND TO RECOMMEND HOW THEY MIGHT BE RESOLVED WITHIN AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. TO THAT EFFECT, IN THE COMMISSION'S WORK, EITHER SIDE MAY INTRODUCE ANY SUBJECT FOR EXAMINATION WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE.

IT IS FORESEEN THAT THE PERIOD OF OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE FOR ONE YEAR, AT THE END OF WHICH MINISTERS WILL REVIEW PROGRESS AND REACH CONCLUSIONS ON WHETHER THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK. DURING THIS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, IT WILL BE OPEN TO EITHER PARTY TO PROPOSE AT ANY STAGE THE COMMISSION'S TERMINATION. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN THE CAPITALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE ATTENDED BY BOTH MINISTERS AND IT WILL BE OPEN TO MINISTERS OF EITHER SIDE TO ATTEND ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. MEETINGS IN EACH CAPITAL WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE MINISTER OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE MAY DELEGATE HIS FUNCTIONS TO A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY POSITION OF EITHER GOVERNMENT.

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