

*The President  
of the European Parliament*

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Rt. Hon. Margaret THATCHER, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
Member of the European Council,  
10, Downing Street,  
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Dear Prime Minister,

At its April 1982 part-session the European Parliament adopted, following a debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,

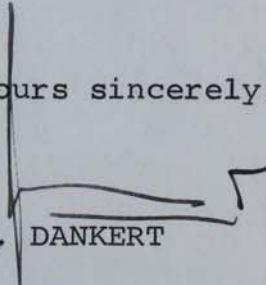
a resolution on the conflict over the Falkland Islands

and decided to forward the text to the governments of the Member States.

I enclose an extract from the Minutes of the relevant sitting with Parliament's resolution.

The minutes will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities pursuant to Rule 89(4) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure.

Yours sincerely,

  
P. DANKERT

Encl.

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1982 - 1983 SESSION

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## EXTRACT

OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 1982

IN THE CHAIR: Nicolas ESTGEN, Vice-President

## RESOLUTION

on the conflict over the Falkland Islands

### The European Parliament,

- profoundly shocked by the invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentina and more than ever convinced that territorial disputes should be resolved by peaceful negotiations,
  - aware of the very serious dangers of an internationalization of the conflict and of the danger that other territorial conflicts may break out in the Americas and elsewhere were such unilateral faits accomplis to be accepted,
  - whereas the European Community has a dual responsibility to show solidarity towards her British partner on the one hand and towards the Falkland Islands as an associated territory on the other,
1. Condemns unreservedly the invasion of the Falkland Islands;
  2. Notes and supports Resolution 502 of the Security Council of the United Nations on Argentina which demanded an immediate cessation of hostilities, and an immediate withdrawal of all Argentinian forces from the Falkland Islands and called on the governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom to seek a diplomatic solution to their differences and to respect fully the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
  3. Underlines the importance of Community solidarity which has been shown in the actions of the Council of Ministers;
  4. Records its agreement with the embargo on imports from Argentina and the ban on arms exports to Argentina and requires that these be maintained until the Security Council Resolution 502 has been implemented;
  5. Encourages the Commission and the Council to continue to review the possibility of taking further measures;
  6. Insists that in any solution it is necessary to take fully into account the wishes of the Falkland Islanders;

7. Recognizes that Argentinian compliance with Resolution 502 by withdrawing its armed forces would lead to the halting of United Kingdom naval operations and so to the negotiation of a peaceful agreement;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Governments of the Member States and the Secretary General of the United Nations.'

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H.-J. OPITZ  
Secretary-General

Lady ELLES  
Vice-President