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 PS/MR HURD
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 MR GILLMORE
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 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60
 RESIDENT CLERK

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 PS/CHANCELLOR)
 SIR K COUZENS) *2v.*
 MR LITTLER)
 MR HAWTIN)
 MR PERETZ) TREASURY
 MR ILETT)
 MR McINTYRE)
 MISS DICKSON (EIP DIV) D/EN
 DIO CABINET OFFICE
 MR WADE-GERY CABINET OFFICE
 MR FULLER SAPU/DIO " "
 SIR M PALLISER CABINET OFFICE
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FALKLANDS: IRISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

1. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT
 THE FALKLANDS CRISIS AFTER A CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY, 2 MAY.

BEGINS

THE GOVERNMENT ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE ESCALATING
 MILITARY SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

FROM THE OUTSET OF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS, THE POLICY OF THE IRISH
 GOVERNMENT, BOTH AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITHIN THE EUROPEAN
 ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PREVENTING A WIDER
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DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

AN ADEQUATE FRAMEWORK ALREADY EXISTS WITHIN WHICH SUCH A
SETTLEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED IF THE PARTIES DEMONSTRATE THE POLITICAL
WILL TO DO SO.

IT IS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLOITED AND FURTHER MILITARY
ESCALATION WHICH WOULD ONLY MAKE NEGOTIATIONS ALL THE MORE
DIFFICULT AVOIDED. IRELAND IS READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY IT CAN,
THROUGH ITS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO ADVANCE
A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION.

THE GOVERNMENT WISH TO RE-AFFIRM IRELAND'S TRADITIONAL ROLE OF
NEUTRALITY IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICTS.

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