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YOUR TELNO 848: FALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL



1. MINISTERS HAVE DECIDED THAT, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE IRISH/NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION AS IT NOW STANDS.
2. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE A VERY STRONG EXPLANATION OF VOTE. YOU WILL KNOW THE POINTS TO MAKE ON OUR POSITION. BUT IN RELATION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT FOR OUR PART THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITION FOR A CEASEFIRE IS THAT IT SHOULD BE UNEQUIVOCALLY LINKED WITH AN IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. GIVEN THE HISTORY OF ARGENTINE PREVARICATION AND BAD FAITH, A SIMPLE VERBAL AGREEMENT BY ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR A CEASEFIRE. THIS MUST BE ON THE BASIS OF AN ARGENTINE COMMITMENT TO PRACTICAL AND IRREVOCABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WITHDRAWAL.
3. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN CLEARLY TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SITUATION HAS MOVED SINCE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 21 MAY AND THAT AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL MUST NOW BE TOTALLY UNCONDITIONAL AND NOT LINKED TO ANY PARALLEL BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.
4. WASHINGTON. YOU SHOULD INFORM HAIG OR EAGLEBERGER IMMEDIATELY.

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