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AND TO GEORGETOWN, PORT OF SPAIN, KINGSTON, BRIDGETOWN (FOR  
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INFO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, BAGHDAD

INFO SAVING WASHINGTON

UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1102: FALKLANDS: NAM SUMMIT

1. PLEASE TAKE ACTION AT A HIGH LEVEL, AS RECOMMENDED BY  
UKMIS NEW YORK, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT YOU ARE DOING SO ON  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTERS AND DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING  
PARAGRAPHS.

2. DURING RECENT WEEKS, MANY COUNTRIES IN THE NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT THEY SYMPATHISE WITH  
OUR POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS TO SELF-  
DETERMINATION, WITH THE ACTION WE HAVE TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENCE  
AND IN PROTECTION OF THAT RIGHT, AND WITH OUR POSITION THAT  
WE CANNOT NOW BE EXPECTED TO SIT DOWN AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE  
WITH ARGENTINA AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. OUR FRIENDS HAVE  
RECOGNISED THAT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SECTION OF THE DECLARATION  
PUT UP BY THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NAM IN HAVANA ON  
5 JUNE WAS UNACCEPTABLE IN NUMEROUS RESPECTS. THAT TEXT WAS  
IN LARGE PART DIRECTED TO A SITUATION WHICH HAS COME TO AN  
END AS A RESULT OF OUR DEFEAT OF THE ARGENTINE INVADING FORCES  
AND THE EFFECTIVE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTH  
ATLANTIC, AND IS THEREFORE OVERTAKEN. BUT WE ARE CONCERNED  
THAT THERE MAY BE PRESSURE AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT TO  
PRODUCE ANOTHER UNACCEPTABLE TEXT WHICH COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
IMPACT ON SUBSEQUENT DEBATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS. WE LOOK  
TO OUR FRIENDS TO ENSURE THAT ANY FURTHER TEXT OF THE  
FALKLANDS ADEQUATELY REFLECTS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER  
TO WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED ATTACH SUCH IMPORTANCE. WE MUST  
NECESSARILY LOOK FIRST TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE LATIN AMERICAN

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GROUP TO ENSURE THAT THE GROUP DOES NOT PUT FORWARD AN AGREED TEXT IN UNACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR RUBBER-STAMPING BY DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER REGIONS. IF THIS CAN BE PREVENTED, OUR FRIENDS IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WILL FIND, WHEN THE QUESTION IS REMITTED TO THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE, THAT THERE WILL BE MANY AFRICAN AND ASIAN DELEGATIONS WHICH WILL SHARE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION. KEY PRINCIPLES, WHICH MUST BE DEFENDED ARE AT STAKE.

3. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE NAM ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE ARGENTINE POSITION HAS ALWAYS DENIED THE FIRST OF THESE PRINCIPLES AND WE HAVE BEEN SURPRISED THAT OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN READY TO GO ALONG WITH IT. WE TRUST THAT THE NAM WILL REFRAIN FROM ENDORSING THE ARGENTINE CLAIM THAT SELF-DETERMINATION DOES NOT APPLY IN THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FALKLANDS. ARGENTINA HAS ALSO BREACHED THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND DEFIED A MANDATORY RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE WORLD HAS SEEN THE RESENTMENT OF THE ISLANDERS AT ARGENTINE OCCUPATION AND THEIR RELIEF AT ESCAPING FROM IT AND THE NAM SHOULD NOT NOW ASSERT THAT THEY SHOULD AFTER ALL BE SUBJECTED TO ARGENTINE RULE.

4. HAVING FAILED TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVE BY MILITARY MEANS, THE ARGENTINES CLEARLY NOW INTEND TO SUBJECT US TO PRESSURE TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH THEY THEMSELVES BROKE OFF EARLIER IN THE YEAR AND TO CONCLUDE THEM SPEEDILY. WE ARE SURE OUR FRIENDS UNDERSTAND THAT WE CANNOT AGREE TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARGENTINA ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN NO INVASION, NO OCCUPATION, NO FIGHTING AND NO LOSS OF BRITISH LIVES. WE HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT THERE MUST BE A LONG PERIOD OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. WE TRUST THAT OUR FRIENDS WILL BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT CALLED UPON BY THE NAM TO ENTER INTO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD CERTAINLY REJECT ANY SUCH CALL.

5. IF REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE ALLEGED UNFORTUNATE IMPACT

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OF OUR VETO ON 4 JUNE ON NON-ALIGNED OPINION, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS WAS THE EFFECT OF A LAST-MINUTE SWITCH OF VOTE BY JAPAN, THAT WITHOUT THAT SWITCH THE DRAFT WOULD HAVE FAILED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT, AND THAT HALF THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REFUSED TO SUPPORT IT.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY WAY IN WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH COULD BE GOT TO PRODUCE A STATEMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AS ENVISAGED BY UKMIS NEW YORK, IN THE RELEVANT TIME SCALE, BUT WE ARE CONSIDERING OTHER WAYS IN WHICH COMMONWEALTH SUPPORT MIGHT BE HARNESSSED.

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