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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE
 ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SECRETARIAT, DEFINING
 ARGENTINA'S POLICY TOWARDS TALKS WITH THE UK OVER THE FALKLANDS:

" IN THE FIRST PLACE, ARGENTINA WILL NEVER GIVE UP HER
 LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OVER THE FALKLANDS. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT
 ABOUT THE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF THE ISLANDS.

FOLLOWING THE CONFLICT WHICH BROUGHT US UP AGAINST THE UNITED
 KINGDOM, IT WOULD NOT BE UNREALISTIC TO THINK IN TERMS OF SUDDEN
 CHANGES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

NOBODY CAN FAIL TO APPRECIATE THAT THE PATH BY WHICH THESE
 RELATIONS ARE RESTORED WILL WITHOUT DOUBT HOLD MANY DIFFICULTIES.

BUT RECENT HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN
 BITTER ENEMIES HAVE MANAGED TO RESTORE THEIR RELATIONS, AND
 FURTHERMORE, CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR COOPERATION PREVIOUSLY
 UNHEARD OF IN THE WORLD.

THE SECRET THAT ENABLED THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO RESTORE
 RELATIONS AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS THE EXISTENCE OF A CLEAR
 AND WELL-DEFINED DETERMINATION TO RE-ESTABLISH PEACE.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAVE STATED, AND WE NOW REPEAT,
 THAT PROVIDING THE WILL EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES, WE SHALL FIND A WAY
 TO RECONSTRUCT OUR RELATIONS.

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THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO FIND THE WAY OF RE-ESTABLISHING RELATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- A. WE ARE WILLING TO BEGIN TALKS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS.
- B. THE IMMEDIATE AIM OF THESE TALKS IS TO RETURN RELATIONS AND THE TERMS OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO THE STATE IN WHICH THEY EXISTED BEFORE THE CONFLICT.
- C. THESE TALKS MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RESOLUTIONS 206(-XX), 37/9 AND 38/12 OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ALSO RESOLUTION 505/82 OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL.
- D. THESE TALKS MUST BE CONDITIONAL UPON THE ELIMINATION OF THE EXCLUSION ZONE ESTABLISHED BY GREAT BRITAIN, AND A GUARANTEE BY THAT COUNTRY THAT SHE WILL NOT CONTINUE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND THE BUILD-UP OF WARLIKE MATERIAL IN THE AREA.
- E. TO MAKE THIS GUARANTEE EFFECTIVE, THE POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE STUDIED OF STATIONING IN THE ISLANDS A UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCE.
- F. WHEN THE SITUATION HAS THUS BEEN CHANGED, OBVIOUSLY A DE JURE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD COME INTO EFFECT, WITH THE CORRESPONDING COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC CONSEQUENCES. **

2. THIS COMMUNIQUE COMPLEMENTS, AND WAS CLEARLY COORDINATED WITH REMARKS MADE YESTERDAY BY RAUL ALFONSIN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. ALFONSIN HAD SIMILARLY STRESSED THAT ARGENTINA WOULD NOT SURRENDER HER SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS TO THE FALKLANDS, BUT THAT SHE OBVIOUSLY ALSO WISHED TO FIND SOME KIND OF SOLUTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INITIATION OF A DIALOGUE WITH THE UK THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS. HE HAD LIKEWISE INDICATED THAT TALKS MUST BE PROCEEDED BY THE LIFTING OF THE QUOTE EXCLUSION ZONE UNQUOTE AND AN END TO OUR QUOTE FORTIFICATION UNQUOTE OF THE ISLANDS, AND HAD FLOATED THE IDEA OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A UN FORCE.

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