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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
CHANCELLOR KOHL:

QUOTE

DEAR HELMUT

ALTHOUGH THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ARGENTINA/FALKLANDS  
ISSIS IDENTICAL IN SUBSTANCE TO LAST YEAR'S, THERE IS A NEW  
FACTOR TO WHICH I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION BEFORE THE DEBATE  
IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR ARGENTINA, IN PURSUING HER  
SOVEREIGNTY CLAIM, HAS ACTED WITH INCREASING IRRESPONSIBILITY:  
UNDERMINING THE ATTEMPT TO SECURE A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION TO THE  
FISHERIES PROBLEM IN THE SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC BY CONCLUDING  
BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA  
THAT PURPORT TO COVER FALKLANDS WATERS: AND SEEKING TO JUSTIFY ON  
SOVEREIGNTY GROUNDS THE USE OF FORCE AT SEA MORE THAN 200 MILES  
FROM ARGENTINA AND WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE FALKLANDS. THIS, AS  
YOU KNOW, RESULTED IN LOSS OF LIFE.

THIS DEVELOPMENT OF ARGENTINE POLICY FOLLOWED THE INCREASED  
VOTE AT LAST YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE RESOLUTION ON THE

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FALKLANDS, FROM WHICH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS EVIDENTLY DRAWN ENCOURAGEMENT. RENEWED ENDORSEMENT FOR ARGENTINA IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY WELL STIMULATE FURTHER THE IRRESPONSIBLE TENDENCIES THAT WE HAVE SEEN THIS YEAR AND REINFORCE ARGENTINA'S APPARENT DETERMINATION TO REFUSE ANY KIND OF CO-OPERATION. THAT WOULD BE A NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT.

SINCE PRESIDENT ALFONSIN WAS ELECTED IN 1983, YOUR GOVERNMENT, LIKE MINE, HAS SUPPORTED ARGENTINE DEMOCRACY AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THIS NECESSARY TASK AND SUPPORTING ARGENTINE POLICY ON THE FALKLANDS WHICH HAS BECOME WORRYINGLY UNREALISTIC. IN THE LIGHT OF THE WAY ARGENTINE POLICY HAS DEVELOPED THIS YEAR, MAINTAINING THAT DISTINCTION HAS BECOME ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION.

FOR OUR PART WE SHALL VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, WITHOUT TABLING ANY AMENDMENTS.

YOURS EVER

MARGARET

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