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FALKLANDS AT UNGA 1988:

ON THE RECORD STATEMENT AFTER THE VOTE

FOLLOWING STATEMENT AND UNATTRIBUTABLE BRIEFING WILL BE USED BY  
NEWS DEPARTMENT AFTER THE RESULT OF UNGA DEBATE IS ANNOUNCED.

BEGINS

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ONCE AGAIN IGNORED THE WISHES OF THE  
INHABITANTS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND FAILED TO UPHOLD THEIR  
RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION ONE OF THE UN'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES.

2. THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION WILL NOT AFFECT THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO FULFIL ITS COMMITMENT TO THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDERS AND TO SEEK MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH  
ARGENTINA.

UNATTRIBUTABLE

3. THIS IS THE SEVENTH TIME THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN DEBATED.  
IT HAS BECOME A TIRED AND LARGELY IRRELEVANT RITUAL. WHAT  
COUNTS IS THE REALITY, WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE ISLANDS -  
DEVELOPMENT, NEW ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, REBIRTH OF CONFIDENCE ETC.  
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