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TO IMMEDIATE ABIDJAN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 164 OF 2 NOVEMBER

AND TO CERTAIN OTHER POSTS

MY TELNO 156: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. ARGENTINA IS NOW CIRCULATING, AND WILL PROBABLY TODAY TABLE, A REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION. IT IS EVIDENTLY DESIGNED TO OVERCOME OBJECTIONS ENCOUNTERED BY THE PREVIOUS DRAFT. FOR US HOWEVER IT REMAINS WHOLLY UNSATISFACTORY. WE SHALL VOTE AGAINST IT. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED WHY THIS IS SO AND URGE THEM AGAIN, IF THEY SHOW SIGNS OF BEING ATTRACTED TO THE NEW DRAFT, NOT TO SUPPORT IT.

2. THE NEW DRAFT HAS THREE NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DE FACTO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, REAFFIRMING CHARTER PRINCIPLES ON NON-USE OF FORCE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND 'REAFFIRMING THE NEED THAT THE PARTIES TAKE DULY INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE ISLANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2065 (XX) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'. IN ADDITION THE REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNED DECLARATIONS IN THE PREAMBLE HAS BEEN DROPPED. THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS HOWEVER ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME.

3. THE REDRAFT REMAINS UNACCEPTABLE TO US BECAUSE:

(A) THE PREAMBULAR REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS STILL ENSURE THAT THIS TEXT IS PREJUDICIAL ON THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE. COUNTRIES WHICH WISH TO AVOID TAKING A POSITION ON THE DISPUTE WILL THEREFORE HAVE ONLY ONE COURSE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

(B) THE REFERENCE TO THE 'INTERESTS' OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS IN THE PREAMBLE IS A SMOKESCREEN. THE ARGENTINES HAVE SHOWN THIS YEAR BY THEIR MILITARY INVASION HOW THEY INTERPRET THE CONCERN THEY HAVE TRADITIONALLY EXPRESSED FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS - INTERESTS WHICH, ARGENTINA ARGUES, ARE BEST SERVED BY THEIR BEING INCORPORATED INTO ARGENTINA. THIS LANGUAGE IS A STALE BORROWING FROM EARLIER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS. IT IS

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A TRANSPARENTLY INADEQUATE ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THE WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED NEED TO INVOKE THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. ONLY THE ISLANDERS CAN LEGITIMATELY SPEAK FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

(C) IT REMAINS (AS PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS HAVE EXPLAINED) UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD BE ASKED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE AGGRESSOR IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NOW EXIST.

(D) THE UNACCEPTABLE IMPLICATION THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE ISLANDS IS A THREAT TO THE PEACE REMAINS.

4. POSTS IN NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS MAY MAKE USE OF THE ARGUMENT THAT ANY OBLIGATION FELT BY THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT ARGENTINA'S CASE BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS NAM POSITIONS NEED NO LONGER APPLY NOW THAT RESOLUTION MAKES NO REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNED PRONOUNCEMENTS.

5. EC POSTS: YOUR HOST COUNTRIES (ESPECIALLY THE FRENCH AND GERMAN) REMAIN THE KEY TO MANY OTHER VOTES. YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT THE AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED AT THIS LATE STAGE, WHILE REPRESENTING AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY ARGENTINA OF THE WEAKNESS OF SUPPORT FOR THE EARLIER DRAFT, ARE SUPERFICIAL, AND REMIND YOUR HOSTS THAT IN 1975 THEY (EXCEPT GREECE) ABSTAINED ON A RESOLUTION COINED IN SIMILAR TERMS. FOR PARIS: YOU SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE COINCIDENCE OF THE VOTE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL IN PARIS ON 4 NOVEMBER. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD MAKE SUITABLE USE WITH THE GERMANS OF OUR ROBUST POSITION ON BERLIN.

6. EC POSTS THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THE MAYOTTE PARALLEL WHICH SEEMED TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON PFEFFER WHEN THE PUS MENTIONED IT TO HIM. (NASH'S LETTER OF 15 OCTOBER TO RATFORD AND OTHER EC HEADS OF CHANCERY.)

7. MULTI-ACCREDITED POSTS NEED NOT TAKE ACTION ON THIS TELEGRAM IN THEIR OTHER CAPITALS IF SUCH ACTION COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH -OUT UNDUE COST WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIPT.

8. FOR WASHINGTON: WE ARE CONSIDERING SEPARATELY OUR RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

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