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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to my note of 1 November 1982 (S/15475) and previous notes, I have the honour to report to you further acts of harassment carried out by British vessels and aircraft against Argentine fishing vessels; all these incidents have occurred outside the so-called "protection zone" arbitrarily and unilaterally established by the United Kingdom Government.

The events referred to are the following:

On 7 October, at 12.15 hours GMT, at latitude 52°32' South and longitude 64°48' West, 60 miles outside the so-called "protection zone", the Argentine fishing vessel Rivera Gallega reported that it had been buzzed by a military helicopter.

On 11 October, at 17.10 hours GMT, at latitude 52°15' South and longitude 63°37' West, approximately 10 miles outside the so-called "protection zone", the Argentine fishing vessel Kasuga Maru reported that it had been overflown by a British helicopter at an altitude of approximately 50 metres.

On 11 October, at 20.10 hours GMT, at latitude 52°36' South and longitude 64°07' West, the fishing vessel Api II reported that it had been buzzed by a British Sea King helicopter.

On 11 October, at 17.20 hours GMT, at latitude 52°18' South and longitude 63°52' West, the fishing vessel Rivera Vasca reported that it had been buzzed by a British Sea King helicopter gunship.

On 13 October, at 11.35 hours GMT, at latitude 52°14' South and longitude 63°25' West, the fishing vessel Rivera Vasca reported that it had been buzzed by a British helicopter.

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On 13 October, at 12.00 hours GMT, at latitude 52°42' South and longitude 64°21' West, the fishing vessel Antártica reported that it had been buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 14 October, at 15.05 hours GMT, at latitude 52°04' South and longitude 63°17' West, the fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was buzzed by a British military helicopter.

On 16 October, at 19.25 hours GMT, at latitude 51°53' South and longitude 63°26' West, the fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was buzzed by a military helicopter with British markings.

On 17 October, at 22.20 hours GMT, at latitude 51°51' South and longitude 63°34' West, the fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was overflown by a Sea Lynx military helicopter with British markings.

On 20 October, at 11.30 hours GMT, at latitude 51°58' South and longitude 63°37' West, the fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 20 October, at 12.00 hours GMT, at latitude 52°43' South and longitude 63°46' South-west, the fishing vessel Antártica was buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 7 November, at 07.00 hours GMT, at latitude 52°36' South and longitude 64°20' West, approximately 20 miles outside the so-called "protection zone", the fishing vessel Antártica was buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 7 November, at 12.04 hours GMT, at latitude 52°48' South and longitude 64°21' West, approximately 30 miles outside the so-called "protection zone", the fishing vessel Arcos was buzzed by a British helicopter.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑIZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
