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LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that the enclosed message of 19 May 1982,  
addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Minister for External  
Relations of Brazil, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sergio CORREA DA COSTA  
Permanent Representative of  
Brazil to the United Nations

Message dated 19 May 1982 addressed to the President  
of the Security Council by the Minister for External  
Relations of Brazil

Deeply concerned at the prospect of imminent bloodshed as the outcome of the crisis between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Argentine Republic over the Malvinas Islands, I reiterate, on behalf of the Brazilian Government, the firm conviction that it is indispensable to reach a peaceful and honourable solution, without winners or losers, and involving the participation of the United Nations, if necessary at the operational level, in accordance with the purposes and principles of its Charter and the relevant resolutions of its main organs.

The Brazilian Government renews its firm support for the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and addresses a pressing, vehement appeal for abstention from any military action that may thwart the high objectives of the efforts of the Secretary-General and the suggestions he may present. At this critical moment, only through moderation can a true commitment to a peaceful solution be unequivocally demonstrated.

As a Member State of the United Nations invariably dedicated to the purposes and principles of the Charter, Brazil is confident that, if necessary, the Security Council, on discharging its duties, will take prompt and effective measures for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Ramiro SARAIVA GUERREIRO  
Minister of External Relations  
of the Federative Republic of  
Brazil

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