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OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan on the dispute over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas). I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 26 April 1982 of the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Japan on the dispute over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

1. The Government of Japan is seriously concerned that the situation regarding the dispute between the United Kingdom and Argentina over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) has now become even more critical.
2. Japan once again calls for the immediate cessation of hostilities and the immediate withdrawal of the Argentine armed forces in accordance with the resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations adopted on 3 April 1982, and urges the two countries concerned to exercise self-restraint and to prevent further escalation of the military engagement. Believing, at the same time, that the way to a solution of this dispute through diplomatic efforts has not been closed, Japan strongly hopes that the countries concerned will continue their efforts for a peaceful resolution of the situation.
3. The Government of Japan, in view of Japan's position as a member of the Security Council, intends to exert further efforts, both in and out of the United Nations, for the prevention of an enlargement of the dispute and for its peaceful settlement.
