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LETTER DATED 30 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on the express instructions of my Government and with reference to my previous communications concerning the situation in the Malvinas Islands, the South Georgias and the South Sandwich Islands, to inform you of the following:

"The Military Junta states that, having received via the Swiss Embassy the urgent message from the British authorities which reads:

'In announcing the establishment of a maritime exclusion zone around the Falkland Islands, Her Majesty's Government made it clear that this measure was without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures may be needed in the exercise of its right of self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. In this connection, Her Majesty's Government now wishes to make clear that any approach on the part of Argentine warships, including submarines, naval auxiliaries, or military aircraft which could amount to a threat to interfere with the mission of the British forces in the South Atlantic, will encounter the appropriate response. All Argentine aircraft including civil aircraft engaging in surveillance of these British forces will be regarded as hostile and are liable to be dealt with accordingly.'

has resolved:

1. That, from today's date, all British ships, including merchant and fishing vessels, operating within the 200-mile zone of the Argentine sea, of the Malvinas Islands, the South Georgias and the South Sandwich Islands, are considered hostile;
2. That, from today's date, any British aircraft, whether military or civil, which flies through Argentine airspace will be considered hostile and treated accordingly;

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3. That all the measures imposed are without prejudice to any additional measure that may be applied in exercise of the right of self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter."

I request that this letter be distributed urgently as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
