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LETTER DATED 2 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform the Security Council, through you, that my Government has submitted to the Chairman of the Twentieth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States a note concerning the sanctions adopted by the United States of America against the Argentine Republic.

The text of that note is annexed hereto.

I would request that this note and the annex should be circulated urgently as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Text of the note submitted to the Chairman of the Twentieth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs by the representative of Argentina to the Organization of American States

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. Alexander Haig, yesterday issued a press release, which was subsequently transmitted to my Government, stating that the President of the United States has ordered the suspension of all military exports to Argentina, the withdrawal of certifications for military sales, the suspension of credits for Argentina from the United States Export and Import Bank and the suspension of guarantees by the United States Commodity Credit Corporation.

In addition to these economic sanctions, notice is given that the United States is responding affirmatively to the needs of the British forces for support in the form of matériel.

The United States, a member of the Organization of American States and a State party to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, participated in the meetings of the Twentieth Meeting of Consultation over which you presided on 26, 27 and 28 April, and at no time in their statements did either Secretary of State Haig or the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States assert, or even suggest or hint at, the possibility of the adoption of the coercive measures to which I have referred; they were announced the day after the Ministers of Foreign Affairs had left Washington.

The above-mentioned economic measures fall within the scope of the censure pronounced on other similar measures, taken by States not parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, by the Organ of Consultation in operative paragraph 6 of the "Resolution on the serious situation in the South Atlantic", adopted on 28 April; in this case, the measures are even more deplorable in that they emanate from a State party to the Treaty, which is under an obligation to comply with decisions of the Organ of Consultation.

While this is an extremely serious matter, even more serious is the announcement of military support for an extracontinental State which is in conflict with an American State and which has been urged by the Organ of Consultation immediately to cease the hostilities it is carrying on within the security region defined by article 4 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and also to refrain from any act that may affect inter-American peace and security.

The same seriousness attaches to the fact that, at a time when the Organ of Consultation is urging the two Governments to call a truce that will make it possible to resume and proceed normally with the negotiation aimed at a peaceful settlement of the dispute - to which my Government agreed and so informed you on

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29 April - a State party to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance announces that it will lend military support to one of the parties to the dispute.

The decisions of the Organ of Consultation were disregarded by the United States Government in its statement yesterday, in which it openly sided with the aggressor extracontinental Power.

We also deplore this action by the United States Government because it may deal a serious blow to the inter-American system by ignoring the commitments deriving from the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and the Charter of the Organization of American States.

My Government is considering what its response to the action of the United States Government should be, but, pending a decision on that point, it would request you to bring this note to the attention of the States which participated in the Twentieth Meeting of Consultation.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Raúl QUIJANO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Argentine Republic
to the
Organization of American States
