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

I have the honour to enclose the text of a statement issued by the Government of Ireland on 2 May 1982 concerning developments in the region of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Noel DORR
Permanent Representative

Annex

Text of the statement issued by the Government of Ireland on 2 May 1982

The Government is seriously concerned at the escalating military situation in the South Atlantic.

From the outset of the Falklands crisis, the policy of the Irish Government, both at the United Nations and within the European Economic Community, has been directed to preventing a wider conflict and promoting a negotiated, honourable settlement by diplomatic means.

An adequate framework already exists within which such a settlement can be achieved if the parties demonstrate the political will to do so.

It is important, therefore, that the possibilities offered by the United Nations should be fully exploited and further military escalation, which would only make negotiations all the more difficult, avoided. Ireland is ready to help in any way it can, through its current membership in the Security Council, to advance a diplomatic solution.

The Government wishes to reaffirm Ireland's traditional role of neutrality in relation to armed conflict.
