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LETTER DATED 22 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 address you, on express instructions from my Government, to bring to your attention communiqué No. 74 of 21 May 1982, issued by the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

"The Joint General Staff reports that, as a result of the successive attacks made by the Argentine Air Force and Navy, during the action which took place today, 21 May 1982, in the San Carlos Strait, Malvinas Islands, the enemy suffered the following losses:

- Three Sea Harrier aircraft and two helicopters shot down by the anti-aircraft defence;
- Four frigates which suffered large-scale damage, including a 42-type frigate and another, unidentified, reported sunk;
- Four frigates which suffered considerable damage, the extent of which it has not yet been possible to evaluate.

That is to say that approximately 70 per cent of the enemy naval units which took part in this fighting were put out of action.

The enemy forces which managed to disembark are being attacked by Argentine Army units with the support of the aircraft of the three Forces which are based on the island".

I request that this letter be circulated, as a matter of urgency, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
