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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to draw your attention to the annexed statement by the Governments of the ten States members of the European Community concerning the Falkland Islands which was issued at Brussels on 10 April 1982.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a matter of urgency as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) E. DEVER  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Belgium  
to the United Nations

Annex

Joint statement by the Governments of the Ten States members of the  
European Community concerning the Falkland Islands issued at  
Brussels on 10 April 1982

The Ten have discussed the serious situation arising from the invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentina.

The Ten recall that, by their statement of 2 April, they condemned the flagrant violation of international law constituted by the armed action of Argentina.

The Ten remain deeply concerned by the continuation of this crisis which endangers international peace and security. They therefore attach the greatest importance to the effective and immediate implementation of Security Council resolution 502 in all its aspects, namely, the cessation of hostilities, the immediate withdrawal of all Argentine forces from the Islands and the search, by the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom, for a diplomatic solution.

To these ends, and in a spirit of solidarity among the countries members of the Community, the Ten decide to take a series of measures with respect to Argentina which it is important to carry out as soon as possible.

In this connexion, the Governments of the Ten have already decided to apply a total embargo on the exports of arms and military equipment to Argentina.

They will also take the necessary measures to prohibit all imports of Argentine origin into the Community.

As these measures are of an economic nature, they will be taken in accordance with the relevant provisions of the treaties of the Community.

As the situation arising from the invasion of the Falkland Islands by the Argentine armed forces is a matter of serious concern for the international community as a whole, the Ten call upon other Governments to associate themselves with their decisions in order to ensure, within the shortest possible time, the full implementation of Security Council resolution 502.

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