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I have the honour to state the following in reply to the letter dated 26 May 1982 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Argentina (S/15129) concerning the British hospital ship Uganda.

On 28 May 1982, the British Ministry of Defence confirmed that the Uganda is acting and will continue to act as a hospital ship, strictly in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Geneva Convention. The Uganda entered Middle Bay of East Falkland for thirty minutes on 27 May 1982 in order to take on board a number of severely wounded casualties, both British and Argentine. Immediately these casualties were embarked, the Uganda left the Bay.

The British Ministry of Defence confirm that the International Committee of the Red Cross remains free to inspect the Uganda or any other British hospital ship at any time.

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

(Signed) A. D. PARSONS