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INTERIM REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SITUATION  
IN THE REGION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS MALVINAS)

1. The present interim report is submitted in pursuance of resolution 505 (1982), which the Security Council adopted at its 2368th meeting on 26 May 1982. In resolution 505 (1982), the Council requested the Secretary-General to undertake a renewed mission of good offices, bearing in mind Security Council resolution 502 (1982) and the approach outlined in his statement of 21 May 1982; to enter into contact immediately with the parties, with a view to negotiating mutually acceptable terms for a cease-fire; and to submit an interim report to the Council as soon as possible and, in any case, not later than seven days after the adoption of the resolution.
2. In the afternoon of 26 May, I met separately with the parties and requested that each provide within 24 hours a statement of the terms it considered acceptable for a cease-fire. It was my hope, as I explained to the parties, that, on the basis of their replies, terms could be developed which would be mutually acceptable. I indicated that arrangements for the dispatch of United Nations observers to monitor compliance with the terms of a cease-fire, as mentioned in resolution 505 (1982), could be made on short notice, with the approval of the Security Council.
3. On 27 May, I received a message from the British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, providing an indication of the terms acceptable to the United Kingdom for a cease-fire. On the same day, I received a first response from the Argentine Government, which was supplemented on 28 May by a communication on the terms for a cease-fire acceptable to Argentina.
4. I have had extensive exchanges with the parties, including conversations by telephone with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina. During these exchanges, which continued until this morning, I explored various approaches in seeking the degree of agreement necessary for a cease-fire.
5. It is my considered judgement that the positions of the two parties do not offer the possibility of developing at this time terms for a cease-fire which would be mutually acceptable. In accordance with the mandate given to me by resolution 505 (1982), I shall, nevertheless, maintain close contact with the parties in the event that an opportunity can be found in which the exercise of my good offices can contribute to bringing this tragic crisis to an end.