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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to request you to circulate the attached document, a press release issued by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries relating to the Malvinas Islands, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Raul ROA-KOURI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Communiqué issued by the Co-ordinating Bureau  
of Non-Aligned Countries

[Original: English]

A meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries, held on 26 April 1982, was convened at the request of the Permanent Representative of Argentina.

The Permanent Representative of Argentina brought to the attention of the Bureau the recent developments which have taken place in the region of the Malvinas Islands, increasing the tension existing in the area, thus gravely endangering international peace and security.

The Co-ordinating Bureau expressed its grave concern over the developments in the region of the Malvinas Islands and requested the interested parties to actively seek a peaceful solution of their dispute and refrain from any action which may endanger peace and security in the region.

The Co-ordinating Bureau reaffirmed the view that the use of force or the threat of the use of force in relations between States are acts contrary to the principles of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

In conformity with the traditional support of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries for the process of decolonization, the Co-ordinating Bureau recalled paragraph 87 of the Declaration of the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Lima, Peru, in August 1975, which stated:

"The Non-Aligned Countries, without prejudice to ratifying the validity of the principle of self-determination as a general principle for other territories, strongly support in the special and particular case of the Malvinas Islands the just claim of the Argentine Republic and urge the United Kingdom to actively continue the negotiations recommended by the United Nations in order to restore the said territory to Argentine sovereignty and thus put an end to that illegal situation which still persists in the southern part of the American continent."

The support of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries for Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands has been reaffirmed at subsequent summit and ministerial meetings of the Movement, including the ministerial meeting held in New York in September 1981.

In this context, the Bureau expressed its support for the efforts at obtaining a just, durable and peaceful negotiated solution in accordance with the application of resolution 502 (1982) of the Security Council in its entirety, the principles and decisions of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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