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OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour, with reference to my note of 20 September 1982 (S/15409) and previous notes, to report to you further acts of harassment carried out by British vessels and aircraft against fishing vessels of Argentine and other nationalities; most of these incidents occurred 15 to 20 miles outside the so-called "protection zone" arbitrarily and unilaterally established by the United Kingdom Government.

The events to which I refer are described below:

1. On 24 August - 0915 hours - at latitude 53°00' south and longitude 63°25' west, a position some 20 miles outside the "protection zone", the Argentine factory vessel Harengus was buzzed by an olive-green helicopter with British markings.
2. On 30 August - 1905 hours GMT - at latitude 53°13' south and longitude 63°54' west, 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Antártida was overflown by an unidentified helicopter, which circled above the vessels of the fleet.
3. On 30 August - 1925 hours GMT - at latitude 53°11' south and longitude 63°50' west, 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by a West Land Linx WG 13 military helicopter with British markings.
4. On 30 August - 1927 hours GMT - at latitude 53°09' south and longitude 63°43' west, 30 miles outside the protection zone, the fishing vessel Api IV was buzzed by a West Land Linx WG 13 helicopter with British markings.
5. On 31 August - 1850 hours GMT - at latitude 53°09' south and longitude 63°41' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", an olive-green British military helicopter circled above the Rokko Maru and other fishing vessels.
6. On 31 August - 1900 hours GMT - at latitude 53°10' south and longitude 63°43' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Antártida was overflown several times by a helicopter in the fishing zone.

7. On 31 August - 1900 hours GMT - at latitude 53°13' south and longitude 63°42' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Harengus was buzzed by an olive-green British helicopter, as were other vessels in the fishing zone.

8. On 31 August - 1900 hours GMT - at latitude 53°08' south and longitude 63°44' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", a British helicopter overflowed the fishing vessels Rokko Maru, Kasuga Maru, Ati II, Antártida, Caaveiro, Usurbil and Albamar 2.

9. On 31 August - 1850 hours GMT - at latitude 53°08' south and longitude 63°38' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Kasuga Maru was buzzed by a British military helicopter, as were other vessels in the fishing zone.

10. On 31 August - 1900 hours GMT - at latitude 53°08' south and longitude 63°42' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Api IV was buzzed by a British military helicopter.

11. On 31 August - 1855 hours GMT - at latitude 53°13' south and longitude 63°43' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Api III was overflowed by a Sea King helicopter bearing British markings and armed with cannon.

12. On 31 August - 1900 hours GMT - at latitude 53°17' south and longitude 63°55' west, 20 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Caaveiro was overflowed by an olive-green Sea King helicopter bearing British markings and armed with rockets.

13. On 6 September - 0515 hours GMT - at latitude 50°47' south and longitude 63°11' west, 18 miles inside the "protection zone", a British warship made radio contact with the fishing vessel Lapataia and indicated that it should withdraw from the "protection zone", escorting it until 061107.

14. On 7 September - 1127 hours GMT - at latitude 52°19' south and longitude 63°47' west, 15 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Api III was overflowed by a green helicopter at an altitude of 50 metres.

15. On 7 September - 1535 hours GMT - at latitude 52°28'03" south and longitude 63°59'09" south-west, 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Api IV was buzzed by a grey military helicopter with British markings, as were the rest of the fishing fleet in the fishing zone.

16. On 15 September - 2120 hours GMT - at latitude 52°52' south and longitude 64°08' west, approximately 45 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Rokko Maru was overflowed by a dark-green British helicopter.

17. On 15 September - 2110 hours GMT - at latitude 52°55' south and longitude 64°48' west, approximately 45 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Kasuga Maru was buzzed by a British military helicopter.

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18. On 15 September - 2115 hours GMT - at latitude 53°52' south and an undetermined longitude, the fishing vessel Caaveiro was overflown at low speed by a Sea King-type helicopter armed with cannon and bearing British markings.

19. On 15 September - 2100 hours GMT - at latitude 52°49' south and longitude 63°57' west, some 25 to 30 miles outside the "protection zone", the fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by a West Land Sea Lynx WG 13 helicopter with British markings, which subsequently also buzzed the fishing vessel Urquil and other vessels of the fishing fleet.

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

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑOZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
