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Letter dated 28 August 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to address Your Excellency in order to transmit the text of the press communiqué issued at the conclusion of a meeting between representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom and Argentina, held in New York, on 16-18 August 1989.

We request that the present note and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Crispin TICKELL

(Signed) Jorge VAZQUEZ

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ANNEX

Press communiqué issued in New York on 18 August 1989 by representatives of the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The British Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sir Crispin Tickell and the Special Representative of the Government of Argentina, Ambassador Lucio García del Solar, met in New York on 16/18 August 1989 to discuss the timing, agenda and conditions for a later substantive meeting between representatives of the two countries.

It was agreed that this meeting would take place in Madrid on 17/18 October 1989. It was agreed that, where necessary, discussion would take place under the terms of a formula to protect the position of each side with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

The meeting will cover British/Argentine relations (including the future of diplomatic and consular relations):

- (A) Measures to build confidence and avoid incidents in the military sphere:
- (B) Trade and financial relations:

- (C) Communications links: air and sea:
- (D) Fishery conservation and future cooperation on fisheries:
- (E) Contacts between the Falkland Islands and the continental mainland:
- (F) Cultural, scientific and sporting relations:
- (G) Other bilateral matters.

In order to stress their commitment to the improvement of relations and to facilitate arrangements to this end, both sides agreed (subject to the agreement of their protecting powers) on a package of measures to improve diplomatic contacts and communications. In particular they undertook to permit the respective Interests Sections to enjoy their own direct secure communications: to have direct access at official level to Foreign Ministries: and to remove the ceiling on numbers of staff.

The Representatives of the United Kingdom and Argentina stressed the intention of their respective Governments to use the present opportunity to permit the normalization of their relations, and the furtherance of their mutual interest in peace and stability in the South Atlantic.