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UNEP SPECIAL SESSION: FALKLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS GIST OF FALKLANDS' REFERENCE MADE AT END OF PLENARY ON 11 MAY BY ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE JUAN MANUEL MARTINEZ PRIETO (UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH).

ARGENTINA BELIEVES THAT PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR A WORTHY ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER ADEQUATELY TO ENSURE MAN'S SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL NEEDS. AT THE SAME TIME ARGENTINA AFFIRMS ITS UNSHAKEABLE INTENTION TO DEFEND ITS OWN. ARGENTINA WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY UNDERMINING OF ITS TERRITORY OR SOVEREIGNTY.

2. AS THERE WAS NO DIRECT MENTION OF THE FALKLANDS AND WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC POINT TO ANSWER MR KING HAS DECIDED NOT TO MENTION THE FALKLANDS IN HIS SPEECH SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING WHICH DEALS (AS DID THE REST OF THE ARGENTINE SPEECH) SOLELY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

3. SESSION HAS SO FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AVOIDING POLITICISATION. CHILE AND MEXICO WERE ACTIVE IN PERSUADING ARGENTINA TO TAKE THEIR LOW KEY LINE AND THE SPEECH WAS RECEIVED WITH RELIEF BY THE UNEP SECRETARIAT. WE SHOULD GAIN NO CREDIT AND WOULD PROVOKE IRRITATION BY BRINGING THE FALKLANDS INTO DEBATE. DELEGATION THEREFORE PROPOSES, SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, NOT TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF REPLY UNLESS QUESTION IS RAISED AGAIN.

4. SPECIAL SESSION IS FOLLOWED BY GOVERNING COUNCIL FROM 20 MAY TO 2 JUNE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FALKLANDS' ISSUE MAY RE-SURFACE AND IF SO WE SHALL REPORT.