

Peace Proposal presented by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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The Government of the Republic of Argentina and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, responding to Security Council Resolution 502 (1982) adopted on 3 April 1982 under Article 40 of the Charter of the United Nations, having entered into negotiations through the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for an Interim Agreement concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), hereinafter referred to as 'the Islands', having in mind the obligations with regard to non-self-governing territories set out in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations have agreed on the following:-

Article 1

- (1) No provision of this Interim Agreement shall in any way prejudice the rights, claims and positions of either Party in the ultimate peaceful settlement of their dispute over the Islands;
- (2) No acts or activities taking place whilst this Interim Agreement is in force shall constitute a basis for asserting, supporting or denying a claim to territorial sovereignty over the Islands or create any rights of sovereignty over them;

Article 2

- (1) With effect from a specified time, 24 hours after signature of this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Time 'T'), each Party undertakes to cease and thereafter to refrain from all firing and other hostile actions;
- (2) Argentina undertakes (a) to commence withdrawal of its armed forces from the Islands with effect from Time 'T'; (b) to withdraw half of its armed forces to at least 150 nautical miles away from any point in the Islands by Time 'T' plus 7 days; and (c) to complete its withdrawal to at least 150 nautical miles away by Time 'T' plus 14 days;
- (3) The United Kingdom undertakes (a) to commence withdrawal of its armed forces from the Islands with effect from Time 'T'; (b) to withdraw half of its armed forces to at least 150 nautical miles away from any point in the Islands by Time 'T' plus 7 days; and (c) to complete its withdrawal to at least 150 nautical miles away by Time 'T' plus 14 days;

Article 3

With effect from Time 'T', each Party undertakes to lift the exclusion zones, warnings and similar measures which have been imposed;

Article 4

On the completion of the steps for withdrawal specified in Article 2, each Party undertakes to refrain from reintroducing any armed forces into the Islands or within 150 nautical miles thereof;

Article 5

Each Party undertakes to lift with effect from Time 'T' the economic measures it has taken against the other and to seek the lifting of similar measures taken by third parties;

Article 6

- (1) Immediately after the signature of the present Agreement, Argentina and the United Kingdom shall jointly sponsor a draft Resolution in the United Nations under the terms of which the Security Council would take note of the present Agreement, acknowledge the role conferred upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations therein, and authorise him to carry out the tasks entrusted to him therein;
- (2) Immediately after the adoption of the Resolution referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, a

United Nations Administrator, being a person acceptable to Argentina and the United Kingdom, shall be appointed by the Secretary-General and will be the officer administering the government of the Islands;

(3) The United Nations Administrator shall have the authority under the direction of the Secretary-General to ensure the continuing administration of the government of the Islands. He shall discharge his functions in consultation with the representative institutions in the Islands which have been developed in accordance with the terms of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations, with the exception that one representative from the Argentine population normally resident on the Islands shall be appointed by the Administrator to each of the two institutions. The Administrator shall exercise his powers in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in conformity with the laws and practices traditionally obtaining in the Islands;

(4) The United Nations Administrator shall verify the withdrawal of all armed forces from the Islands, and shall devise an effective method of ensuring their non-reintroduction;

(5) The United Nations Administrator shall have such staff as may be agreed by Argentina and the United Kingdom to be necessary for the performance of his functions under this Agreement;

(6) Each Party may have no more than three observers in the Islands;

Article 7

Except as may be otherwise agreed between them, the Parties shall, during the currency of this Agreement, reactivate the Exchange of Notes of 5 August 1971, together with the Joint Statement on Communications between the Islands and the Argentine mainland referred to therein. The Parties shall accordingly take appropriate steps to establish a special consultative committee to carry out the functions entrusted to the Special Consultative Committee referred to in the Joint Statement;

Article 8

The Parties undertake to enter into negotiations in good faith, under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the peaceful settlement of their dispute and to seek, with a sense of urgency, the completion of these negotiations by 31 December 1982. These negotiations shall be initiated without prejudice to the rights, claims or positions of the Parties and without prejudgement of the outcome;

Article 9

This Interim Agreement shall enter into force on Signature and shall remain in force until a definitive Agreement about the future of the Islands has been reached and implemented by the Parties. The Secretary-General will immediately communicate its text to the Security Council and register it in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.