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FALKLAND ISLANDS: INFORMAL RECORD OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S
REMARKS AT THE FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE

Outside the Plenary Sessions we discussed a number of other issues. There was no taboo. Heads of Government preferred a direct and informal dialogue. In this spirit we tackled the conflict in the South Atlantic. This was due to the aggressive conduct of Argentina which has entailed a whole series of serious actions. We repeated once again our condemnation of Argentina's aggressive conduct. We condemned the recourse to violence rather than the rule of law as a means of settling disputes. We reasserted our support for SCR 502 and hoped there would be a ceasefire as soon as possible which would settle the whole conflict and the dispute between the two parties. We expressed our complete solidarity with the United Kingdom who has been the victim of aggression and whose national interest and national pride has been injured. This solidarity is quite natural. The United Kingdom must recover what she has lost and we must do what we can to ensure that peace shall prevail over war.

DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT CLOSING PRESS
CONFERENCE ON 6 JUNE

1. Three things about this Conference have particularly encouraged me.

2. First, there is the work which we have done on the problems of our own economies, the leading industrialised western economies of the world. This has always been the main business of these annual Summits, and this is the fourth that I have attended. Today's declaration, which President Mitterrand has just presented to you, marks a real advance in the precision and the scope and the solidity of the commitments contained in it.

3. Second, there are the decisions which we have taken in the international economic field, both north/south and east/west. Each of these areas is controversial: our national interests not only differ but actually conflict at some points. Today's texts represent a fair balance between these interests, and will undoubtedly make the problems easier to handle in the various international groupings to which we belong.

4. Third, you can imagine that throughout these two days my thoughts have been partly in the South Atlantic, on the Falkland Islands. We discussed this problem for most of the first evening and at intervals afterwards. We made no

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attempt to record our conclusions, but on the fundamental points I noted unanimity. ^① We all stand for the right of self determination laid down in the very first article of the United Nations Charter. We ^② all know that the rule of law must be upheld throughout the world if small nations and exposed territories everywhere are not to be in danger. We are all clear ~~about~~ ^{that} the cause of the crisis in the South Atlantic; ~~it~~ lay in the military invasion - unprovoked, unjustified and unlawful - which took place on 2 April. We all ^③ recognise the inherent right of self-defence under which Britain has responded to that invasion. We all regret that it has not been possible to reach a negotiated settlement despite many determined efforts, from those of Secretary Haig in April to the recent activity of the Secretary General of the UN. Lastly we all hope, none more fervently than I, that ^④ hostilities can soon be brought to a complete and permanent conclusion, so that the work of reconstruction - political as well as economic - can begin on the Falkland Islands, and so that ^{our} ~~that~~ relations with Argentina can be freed from the burden which now weighs upon them. On all these things I can say without the slightest fear of contradiction that there was unanimity.

5. One more thing I must add, and that is my thanks and that of my delegation to the President of France for the organisation of this Conference in its incomparable setting. These have been two days which none of us can ever forget, no matter how many international

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conferences we may attend. You can imagine with what regret I shall be leaving early in order to get back to London where a lot of work awaits me - and where in 24 hours I shall have the pleasure of welcoming the President of the United States and Mrs Reagan on the next leg of their European journey.