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OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to inform the Security Council, in connexion with the military operations of yesterday, 4 May 1982, in the region of the Malvinas Islands, that the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces issued Communiqués No. 22 of 4 May 1982 and No. 23 of 5 May 1982, the texts of which are as follows:

Communiqué No. 22

"The Joint General Staff reports that, at 2.50 p.m., an air raid by three Sea Harrier aircraft was carried out on Base Cóndor at Puerto Darwin in the Malvinas Islands.

Two of the intruding aircraft were shot down by anti-aircraft artillery fire. Our forces suffered no casualties and no damage."

Communiqué No. 23

"The Joint General Staff reports that, following a raid on Puerto Argentino by aircraft at 3.30 a.m. and in exercise of the right of self-defence, it ordered an air mission against the British task force, situated at 60 miles southeast of the Malvinas.

This mission was carried out at 10.50 a.m. by a naval aviation force covered by aircraft of the Argentine Air Force, the results of which are still unknown. Subsequently, at 1 p.m., a British raid was carried out on Puerto Darwin, in which two attacking Sea Harrier aircraft were brought down, as reported in Communiqué No. 22 of this Joint General Staff.

Coincidentally with the last raid, Prime Minister Thatcher reported that the Malvinas were being bombed."

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As always, the Argentine Armed Forces acted only in exercise of the right of self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request you to have this letter distributed, as a matter of urgency, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
