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Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to refer to discussion of the Falkland Islands crisis in the Political Committee at Brussels on 22 April. At that meeting there was general support for the proposal that the Presidency should make informal approaches to a number of third countries to explain the measures which the European Community had adopted and, where appropriate, to ask that steps be taken to see to it that these measures would not be circumvented. At that meeting the Irish representative was unable to agree to such action by the Presidency.

The Embassy would ask the Department of Foreign Affairs to reconsider the Irish Government's position in this matter. The aim of the British Government and of their Community partners is to obtain the maximum effect from the measures which the Community has taken with the aim of securing the implementation of Security Council Resolution 502. The understanding of third countries and their support for the position of the Ten are clearly important additional factors in this connection.

An additional point of immediate concern is that military equipment is being supplied to Argentina from Israel. The British Government has already taken bilateral action but an approach by the Presidency in Tel Aviv, which could refer specifically to the question of military equipment, would be a valuable addition to these efforts.

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The British Government would prefer that such approaches by the Presidency be given publicity as was envisaged by the meeting on 22 April.

The Embassy take this opportunity to renew to the Department the assurance of their highest consideration.

BRITISH EMBASSY
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