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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to Mr. Whyte's letter dated 9 April 1982 (S/14963) and my letter of 24 April 1982 (S/14997), I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to inform you that the following announcement was made by the Government of the United Kingdom on 28 April 1982:

"From 1100 Greenwich mean time on 30 April 1982, a total exclusion zone will be established around the Falkland Islands. The outer limit of the zone is the same as for the maritime exclusion zone established on Monday 12 April 1982, namely, a circle of 200 nautical miles radius from latitude 51° 40' south, 59° 30' west. From the time indicated, the exclusion zone will apply not only to Argentine warships and Argentine naval auxiliaries but also to any other ship, whether naval or merchant vessel, which is operating in support of the illegal occupation of the Falkland Islands by Argentine forces. The exclusion zone will also apply to any aircraft, whether military or civil, which is operating in support of the illegal occupation. Any ship and any aircraft, whether military or civil, which is found within this zone without due authority from the Ministry of Defence in London will be regarded as operating in support of the illegal occupation and will therefore be regarded as hostile and will be liable to be attacked by the British forces.

"Also from the time indicated, Port Stanley Airport will be closed; and any aircraft on the ground in the Falkland Islands will be regarded as present in support of the illegal occupation and, accordingly, is liable to attack.

"These measures are without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures may be needed in exercise of its right of self-defence, under article 51 of the United Nations Charter."

This extension to the maritime exclusion zone (which formed the subject of Mr. Whyte's letter dated 9 April 1982 (S/14963)), has been necessitated by the refusal of Argentina to comply with paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 502 (1982). In these circumstances, the United Kingdom retains the right to take

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measures in exercise of its inherent right of self-defence recognized by article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. D. PARSONS
