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OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to my note of 20 October 1982 (S/15464) and previous notes, I have the honour to report to you further acts of harassment carried out by British vessels and aircraft against Argentine fishing vessels; all these incidents occurred outside the so-called "protection zone" arbitrarily and unilaterally established by the United Kingdom Government.

The events referred to are the following:

On 21 September, at 22.23 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 44' south and longitude 64° 21' west, the fishing vessel Kasuga Maru reported that it had been buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 21 September, at 22.30 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 46.5' south and longitude 64° 29' west, the fishing vessel Kokko Maru was buzzed by a British military helicopter.

On 23 September, at 11.00 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 44' south and longitude 64° 23' west, the fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by a British military helicopter. The helicopter did the same thing to the Argentine fishing fleet in the area.

On 23 September, at 22.55 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 18' south and longitude 63° 58' west, the Argentine fishing vessel Api III was overflown by a medium-sized British helicopter at an altitude of 30 metres. The helicopter used a searchlight to illuminate the vessel.

On 23 September, at 11.15 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 20' south and longitude 64° 20' west, the fishing vessel Harengus was buzzed by a British Sikorski helicopter.

On 23 September, at 10.39 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 56' south and longitude 64° 28' west, the fishing vessel Kasuga Maru was buzzed by an English helicopter.

On 24 September, at 09.13 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 54' south and longitude 64° 15' west, the Argentine fishing vessel Caaveiro was buzzed by a Sea King helicopter gunship with British markings.

On 24 September, at 13.45 hours GMT, at latitude 53° 03' south and longitude 64° 24' west, the Argentine fishing vessel Kasuga Maru reported that it had been buzzed by a British helicopter flying in circles.

On 24 September, at 13.15 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 36' south and longitude 64° 13' west, the Argentine fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was repeatedly buzzed by a military helicopter flying in circles.

On 29 September, at 13.30 hours GMT, at latitude 53° 49' south and longitude 60° 55' west, the Argentine fishing vessel Rivera Vasca received a radio message from the British frigate Band, requiring it to leave the so-called protection zone. The vessel was at the time 10 miles inside that zone.

On 1 October, at 20.30 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 34' south and longitude 64° 12' west, some 20 miles outside of the so-called "protection zone", the Argentine fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was buzzed by a Sea King helicopter.

On 1 October, at 20.40 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 35' south and longitude 64° 20' west, some 22 miles outside of the so-called protection zone, the fishing vessel Caaveiro was buzzed by a Sea King helicopter.

On 3 October, at 15.30 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 42' south and longitude 64° 58' west, some 60 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Rivera Gallega was buzzed by an English military helicopter.

On 3 October, at 15.25 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 50' south and longitude 64° 18' west, some 50 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Caaveiro was buzzed by an English helicopter. Similar action was taken by the helicopter over the remainder of the fishing fleet in the area.

On 3 October, at 15.30 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 42' south and longitude 64° 37' west, some 50 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by an English helicopter.

On 3 October, at 15.19 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 36' south and longitude 64° 25' west, some 52 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Urquill was buzzed by an English helicopter.

On 4 October, time unspecified, at latitude 52° 32' south and longitude 64° 20' west, some 45 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Usurbil was buzzed by an English helicopter flying in a circle. The same helicopter made overflights over the Argentine fishing fleet in the vicinity, which comprised the following vessels: Albamar II, Urquill, Ilha, Kasuga Maru and Rokko Maru.

On 4 October, at 10.10 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 50' south and longitude 64° 30' west, some 30 miles from the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Caaveiro was buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 7 October, at 12.00 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 42' south and longitude 64° 14' west, some 30 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Caaveiro was buzzed by an olive-green British helicopter.

On 7 October, at 12.10 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 37' south and longitude 63° 51' west, some 20 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Rokko Maru was buzzed by a British helicopter.

On 7 October, at 12.11 hours GMT, at latitude 52° 39' south and longitude 63° 50' west, some 20 miles outside the so-called protection zone, the Argentine fishing vessel Kasuga Maru was buzzed in a semi-circle by a British helicopter.

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

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑIZ
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Permanent Representative
