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Letter dated 17 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 12 May 1982 regarding the question of the Malvinas.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 59 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Soubanh SRITHIRATH
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS

Since the beginning of May, and more particularly since receiving the assurance of the official support of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has deployed its assault forces in attacks on the Malvinas, at the same time proclaiming a total exclusion zone 12 nautical miles from the coast of the Argentine Republic.

This behaviour on the part of the British constitutes a blatant threat to the independence and sovereignty of the Argentine Republic and is seriously jeopardizing the peace and stability of the south Atlantic region and of the world.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic vigorously condemns the threatening and aggressive acts of the British Government, supported by the United States of America, and demands that it immediately cease its military operations in the Malvinas, respect the independence and sovereignty of the Argentine Republic and settle this question peacefully.

Vientiane, 12 May 1982
