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ARGENTINA

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1. Argentina shares the ideals of peace, security and co-operation which inspire initiatives for the establishment of zones of peace in various parts of the world.
2. The effective implementation of such proposals bears a direct relationship with the acceptance of their guiding principles and operative provisions by all the countries of the region concerned, as well as those other countries possessing a capacity for extra-regional military action.
3. In the case of the Mediterranean, a zone whose political and economic influence has in the past transcended its own geographical limits, the action of military Powers and alliances not belonging to the region cannot be ignored.
4. In this context, on 2 December 1982 the Argentine Government issued the following declaration relating to the neutrality of the Republic of Malta:

"The Government of the Argentine Republic, aware of the special contribution to international peace which the Republic of Malta has decided to make by assuming a status of neutrality based on the principles of non-alignment,

"Considering the importance, in that regard, of the declaration of 15 May 1981, whereby the Maltese Government proclaimed the neutrality of the Republic of Malta,

"Bearing in mind also that such neutrality strengthens the foundations for an international peace based on the principles of sovereignty, equality and territorial integrity of States and on co-operation among them,

"Declares that it gives its full support to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Malta and to that country's status as a neutral State based on the principles of non-alignment, and undertakes to respect it and to make every possible effort to put this support into practice, particularly through co-operation in the political, economic and commercial fields, and appeals to all nations to give a similar undertaking".

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