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FALKLAND ISLANDS : CEASEFIRE

The Government warmly welcomes reports of an informal ceasefire having been reached in the Falkland Islands. It is hoped that this will end the armed conflict and tragic loss of life that has occurred during the Falklands dispute. We await with interest the terms of the arrangements being set in place. Certainly, we hope that the ceasefire will lead to the early withdrawal of all Argentine forces from the Falkland Islands. We look forward to an early end to all hostilities in the South Atlantic.

The Government congratulates Mrs Thatcher and her Government and the British armed forces on their successful rebuttal of Argentina's unprovoked aggression in the Falkland Islands and the upholding of the principle that unprovoked use of force should not be allowed to go unchecked.

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