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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to inform the Security Council of  
communiqué No. 34 issued by the Joint General Staff of my country, the text of  
which is as follows:

"The Joint General Staff announces that today, at 09.21 hours, the  
fishing vessel "Narval" was attacked and sunk by a Harrier airplane belonging  
to the British task force."

The vessel was engaged in normal fishing activity 66 nautical miles south of  
Puerto Argentino.

After the attack, another British airplane machine-gunned the fishing vessel's  
lifeboats. It is reported that only one of them, with 25 survivors is afloat, with  
at least one fatality having already occurred.

This latest act shows once again the inhumanity and lack of respect for  
international law of the British task force, which now attacks defenceless civilian  
vessels and even their shipwrecked survivors.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security  
Council document as a matter of urgency.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative