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FALKLAND/MALVINAS ISLANDS

On behalf of the Canadian Government, the Minister of State for External Relations, the Honourable Pierre De Bané, announced on April 12 that, following the decision last week to place an embargo on the export to Argentina of all military equipment, the Government of Canada decided to ban all imports from Argentina until further notice. In addition, the Government has decided not to provide export credit for new transaction with Argentina.

In taking this course, Mr. De Bané explained the Government's principal concern is to contribute to ensuring respect for the United Nation's Charter and for the rule of international law, consistent with its conviction that force should not be used to settle territorial disputes.

It follows that the Government is anxious to encourage measures designed to end the crisis over the Falkland/Malvinas Islands through a negotiated peaceful solution.